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Alice Levy  
Merrick, N.Y.

Dear Alice,

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Dear CRACKED,

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You might really get in trouble if you printed something like that.

Tony Santangelo  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Tony,

I wouldn't worry about it. We'd never print anything like that about Amos. He's not worth it.

Dear Sir,

I ha ha really ha ha ha loved ha ha ha your nyah ha hah ow, oh la-las-last is iss issue ah ha ha ho ho ho forget it. I'll ah ha write you some nyah ha hah other time.

Bob Sanchez  
Queens, N.Y.

Dear Bob,

Guys like you make our job easy.

Dear CRACKED,

Where does SAGEBRUSH get his name from?

James Dudley  
Tampa, Florida

Dear Jim,

From the title at the top of the page.



Dear CRACKED,

Just when I thought STAR WARS had been used in every conceivable way by CRACKED, out comes another really funny article to prove me wrong. Where does your writer get his ideas from?

Fred Cummings  
Boone, Iowa

Dear Fred,

His pocket calculator has a first cousin who's a close personal friend of R<sub>2</sub>D<sub>2</sub>.

Dear CRACKED,

Is THE TALKING BLOB available for special functions? We have a downtown urban renewal project that can't get underway until 12 burnt-out buildings are demolished.

Bill Smith  
Glen Dean, Kentucky

Dear Bill,

Sorry, but we're told that T.B. doesn't like his buildings well done.



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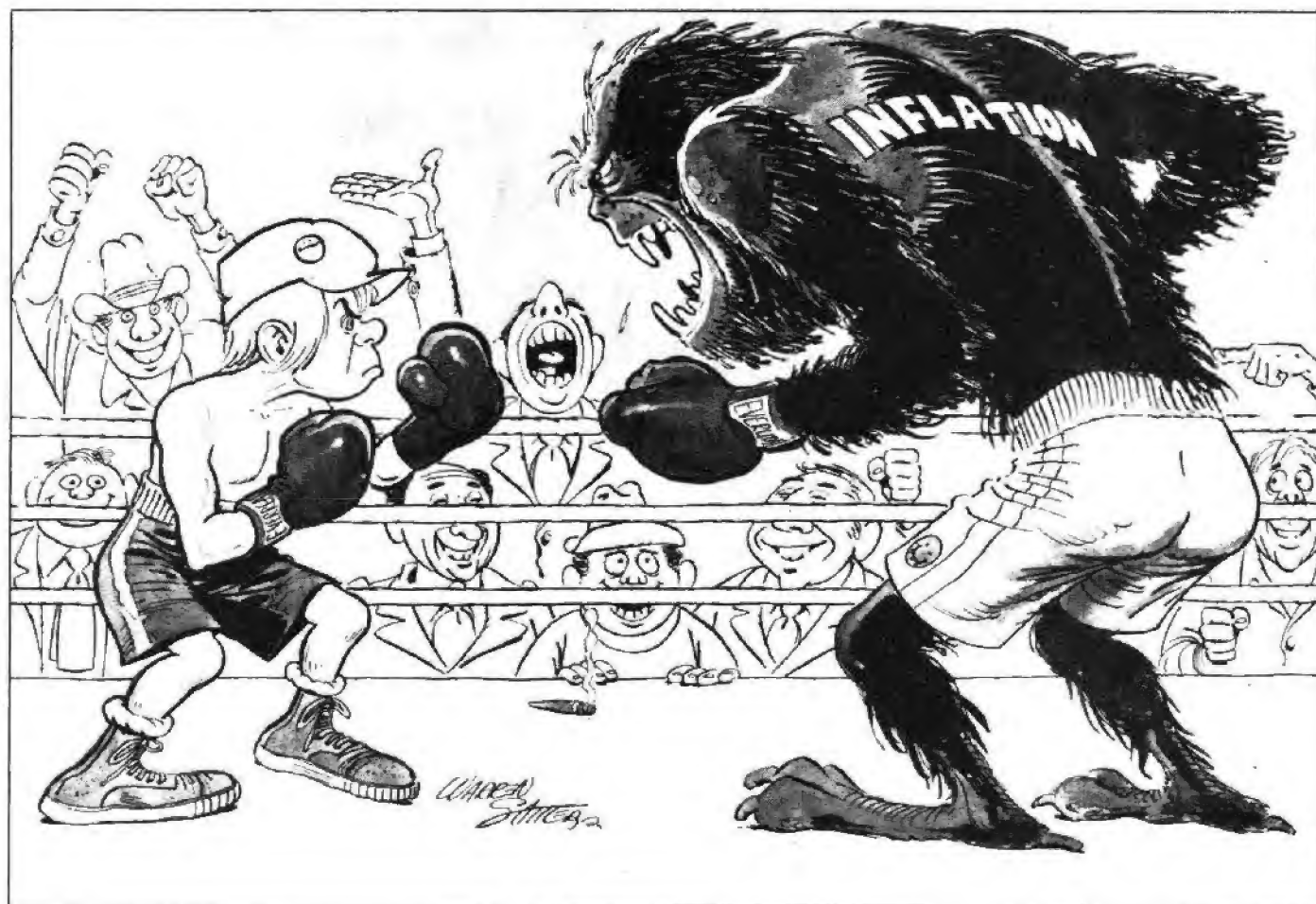


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There is much UFO talk floating around these days and recently we started to contribute to it when we uncovered some startling information. It seems a number of people from a hit TV sitcom have made contact with beings from another world. CRACKED realizes that this is an earth shattering revelation, so we have reconstructed the event on these next 6 pages so that all the world might witness

CRACKED is forgetting your twin brother's birthday!

# THE HAPPY DAZES' CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND





Would you and Darla Sue like to ride up with Lorry Beth and me?

No thanks. I've got my dad's car to- night, and if you don't mind, we'd **rather** be alone... Itch, her **posture's** a little **poor**, but she's **really** a **doll**.

Rowlf, where'd Potsey **meet** that date of his anyway?

In a **Red Cross Class**. The instructor was using her for **first-aid demon- strations**. Potsey admired how she had the **stamina** to **hold still** no matter **what** they tried on her.

More than you **know**, Pots.

Look! There's **Funzie**... HEY Funz! HOW'S IT GOING!

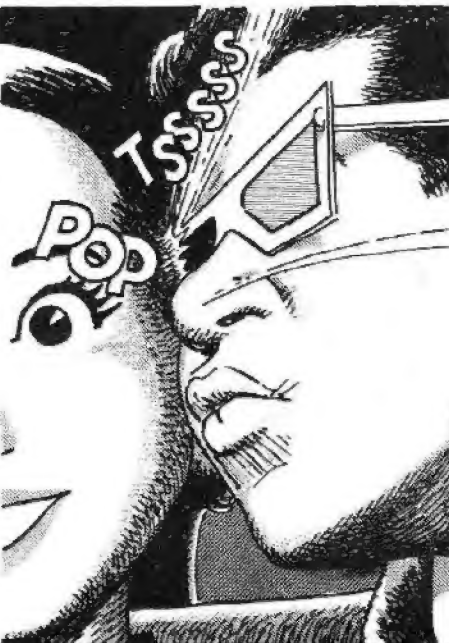
Do you **mind**?! You're **breaking** the mood. Do you know how **long** it took us to get **comfortable** on this **bike**?!!

Itchy!... Look!... A light!...

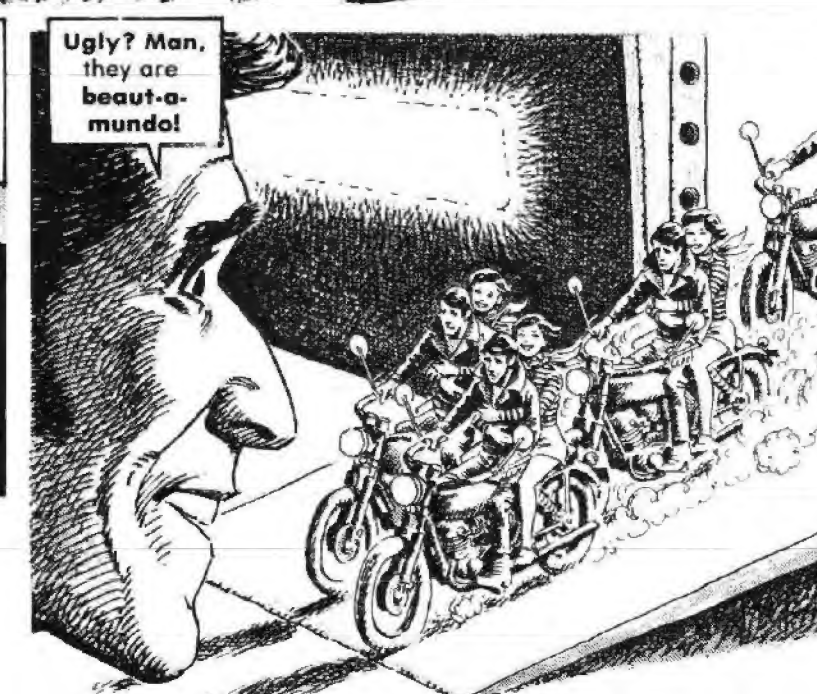
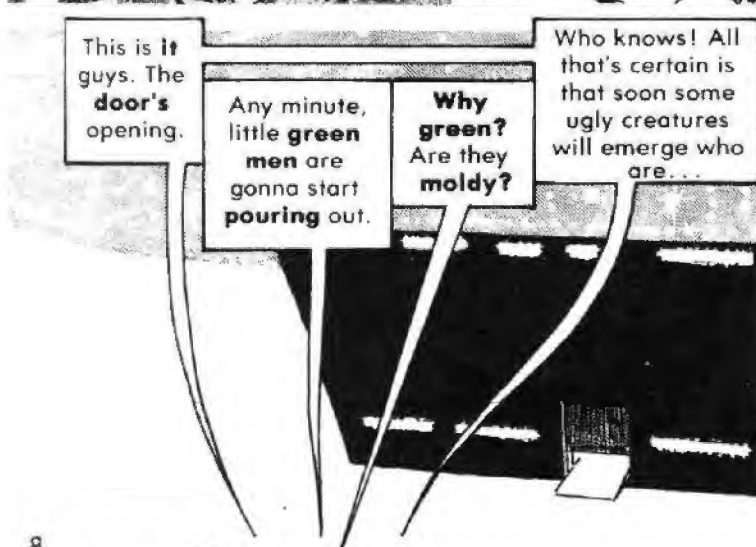
Not **another** interrup- tion! Has **Inspirational Point** lost all its **class**?

Sorry Funz. I sort of...

How about a **kiss** Darla Sue?











Aaaaayee!

My gosh!

Greetings, oh good looking one.

Greetings, earthlings.  
We are from the planet **Ultra Kool**.

**Ultra Kool!!?** I like the name. How'd you get it?

From the fact that we only get sun **6 minutes** a day. The other **23 hours** it's night.

Now **that's** the kind of **day** the **Funz** would love!



But **why** do you all look like **Funzie**?

We are **clones**.

What's a clone?

**VROOM! VRRROOM!**

I'm not quite sure, but I bet if **anybody** in this **immediate area** is **one**, it's probably **Potsey**.

A **clone** is when you make an **exact duplicate** of **somebody** using one of his **cells**.

I **knew** that.

But **how'd** you do it of **Funzie**? And **why**?  
And...

So many questions.  
This requires a **flashback**.



**Fine** with me. We've still got **2 more pages** coming to us.

Five years ago, our planet consisted of nothing but the **Great Exalted Gumba** and the **Rah Rah's**.

Your planet consisted of **nothing** but **women** looking like you?

Awful, isn't it?

**Tragic!**... Can you give me **directions** to this planet?!!

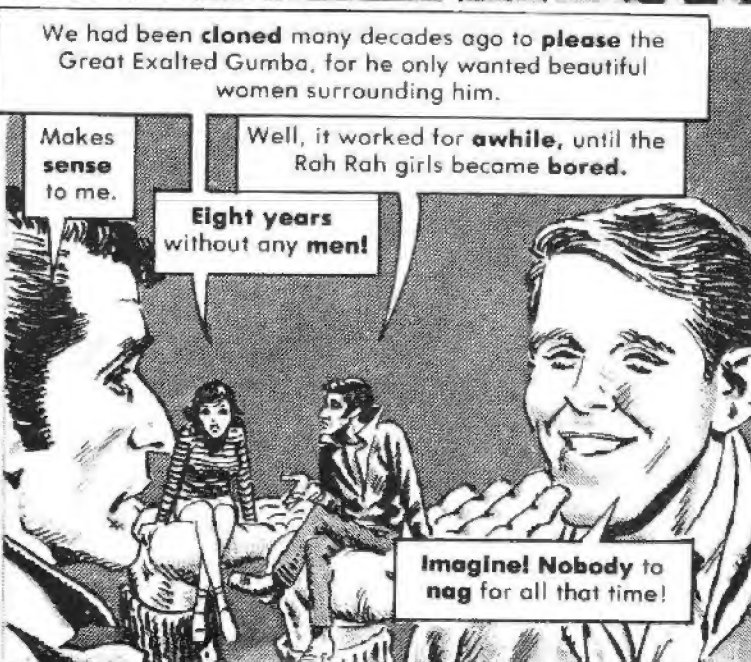
We had been **cloned** many decades ago to **please** the **Great Exalted Gumba**, for he only wanted beautiful women surrounding him.

Makes **sense** to me.

Well, it worked for **awhile**, until the **Rah Rah** girls became **bored**.

**Eight years** without any **men**!

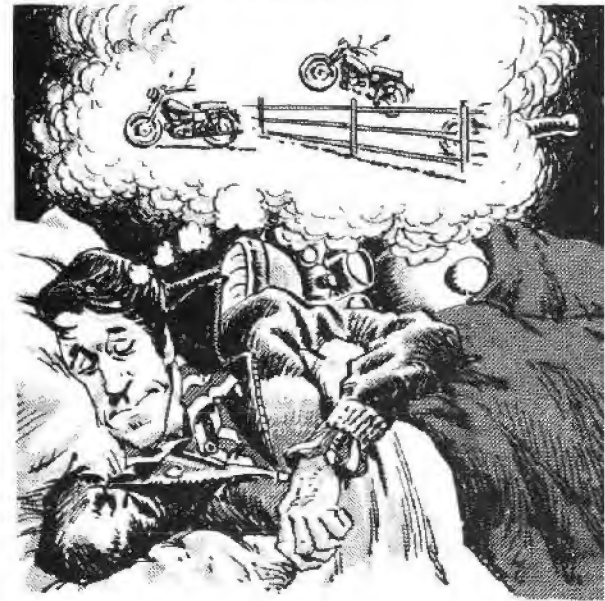
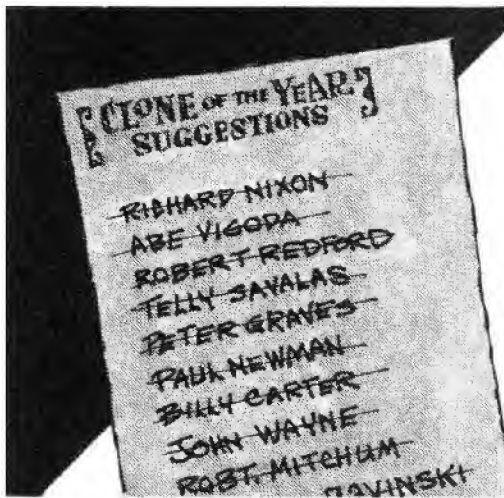
**Imagine!** **Nobody** to **nag** for all that time!



And so a plan was devised to clone some **men** for the Rah Rahs. They made a **list** of all the eligible earthlings worth duplicating and then narrowed it down to **two**.

**One** finalist was **John Travolta**—but he never **stood still** long enough to clone.

And so the **Funz** was chosen. Late one night, just as he was drifting off to dreamland...



...the Rah Rah's **ship** came and **beamed him** and his bike away.

Unknown to him, they took **Funz** back to our planet and **cloned him**.



I hope this doesn't hurt much.

You **won't** even remember you were here.

Then clone away—but just don't **mess up my hair**.

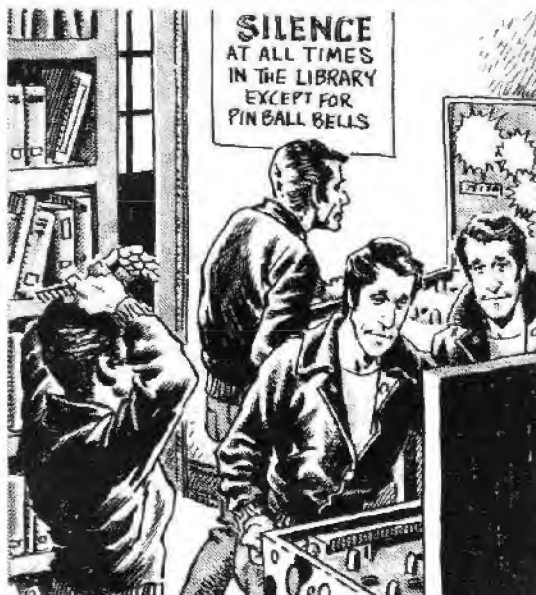


But **why** were the **Funzies** made so **little**?

Our planet is very small.

That makes sense to me.

Once the cloning succeeded, Ultra Kool emerged. **Pinball** and **combs** became the **national industries**.



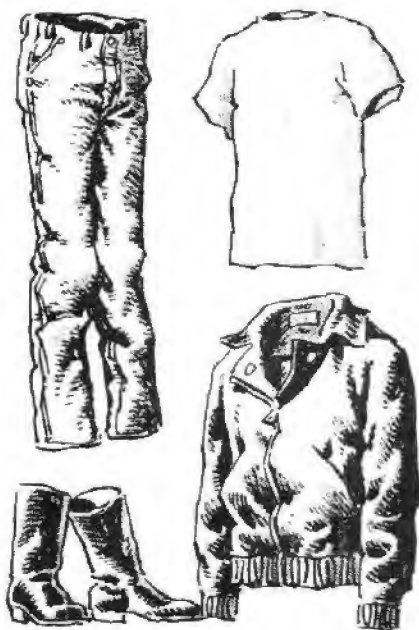
**SILENCE**  
AT ALL TIMES  
IN THE LIBRARY  
EXCEPT FOR  
PINBALL BELLS

**Mirrors** were installed **everywhere**...





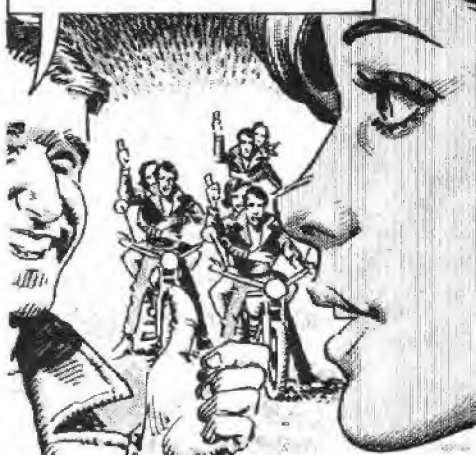
And **clothing stores** stocked only **4** items.



It sounds like **paradise**.

And tonight we returned to see how our clones matched up to the **original**.

As the **father** of all these **with-it tykes**, they get an '**A+**'.



And with that we now **return** to our planet—**satisfied**—knowing we have **succeeded**.



Wait, though. Before you leave. I'm puzzled. Why didn't you just clone your leader, the **Great Exalted Gumba**, instead of going to **all** this trouble?

**Why?** ... I will let you **judge** for yourselves as we now allow our noble head to make a rare earthly appearance—presenting, direct from the planet Ultra Kool—**THE GREAT EXALTED GUMBA** himself.



Hi beautiful. Wanna come on board and see my milk bottle collection?



Now I ask you—Would **you** want a **whole planet** cloned from **THAT**?



**YEAH!  
YEAH!  
YEAH!**

**TH'END**

In the past few years, the hours between 7 and 9 PM on TV have been set aside for programs that nothing wrong with this, but it got us

# IF THE "FAMILY HOUR" EXTEND



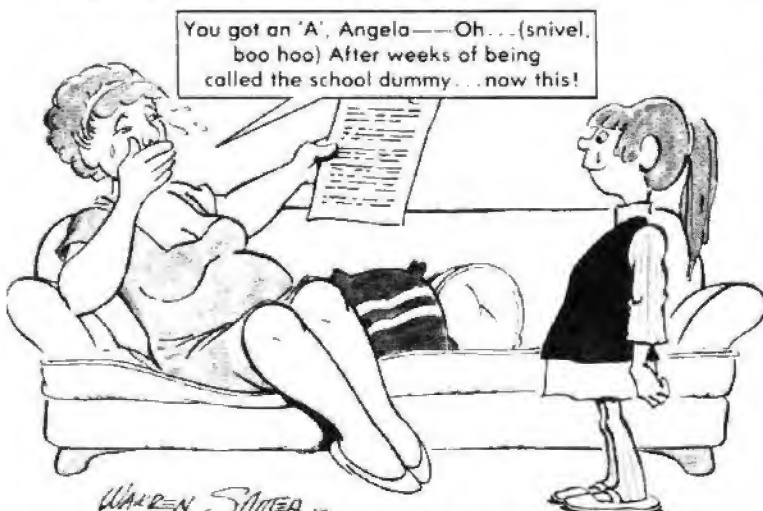
EVERYONE WOULD WALK AROUND WITH A GRIZZLY BEAR FOR A FRIEND



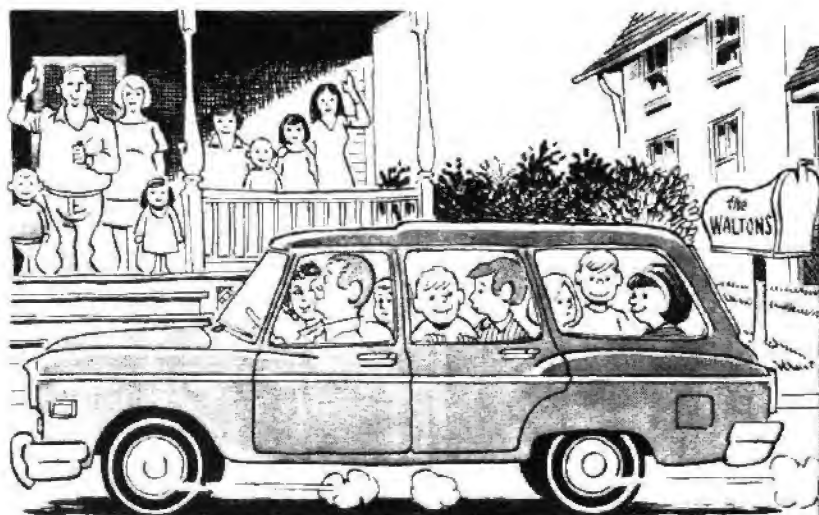
WHEN THEIR KIDS WERE LATE FOR DINNER PARENTS WOULD SEND LEONARD NEMOY OUT IN SEARCH



EVERYTIME YOU SAID SOMETHING EVEN MILDLY AMUSING, GREAT GALES OF LAUGHTER WOULD SURROUND YOU



PEOPLE WOULD BE CRYING ALL THE TIME FROM HEARTWARMING SITUATIONS



ALL FAMILIES WOULD HAVE AT LEAST EIGHT MEMBERS

SCHOOL WOULD BE LIKE A GAME SHOW AND A CORRECT ANSWER WOULD WIN YOU A TRIP FOR TWO





anyone can watch. There are puppets, game shows, wholesome dramas and, well, there's to thinking. Imagine what society would be like

# ED INTO OUR EVERYDAY LIVES



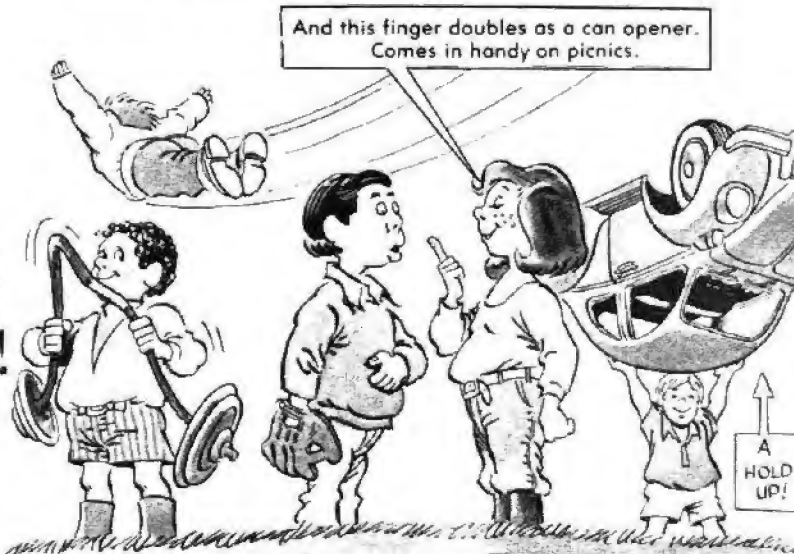
TEACHERS WOULD BE BEST FRIENDS WITH ALL THEIR STUDENTS



EVERYONE WOULD BE COOL



EVERYTIME YOU STARTED TO SING OR TELL A JOKE...



EVERYONE WOULD BE BIONIC, HAVE SUPERHUMAN POWERS AND BE WORTH MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

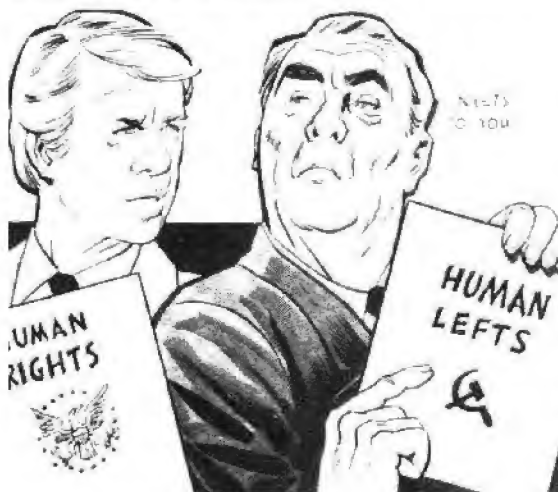
BUT MOSTLY, THINGS WOULD BE JUST A BIT TOO BORING!



It's beginning to look like we might have elected the wrong Carter to run our country's economy. While Jimmy is making a paltry \$200,000 as President, brother Billy is making almost three times as much from endorsements and tours. CRACKED shows how things might have been with

# BROTHER BILLY AS ★ PREZ ★

JIMMY'S RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ARE STRAINED.



BROTHER BILLY WOULD CREATE A NEW "SPIRITS OF DETENTE"!



JIMMY HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET DRIVERS TO CUT DOWN ON GAS CONSUMPTION.



BROTHER BILLY WOULD SHOW DRIVERS HOW TO TANK UP ON SOMETHING ELSE BESIDES GAS!





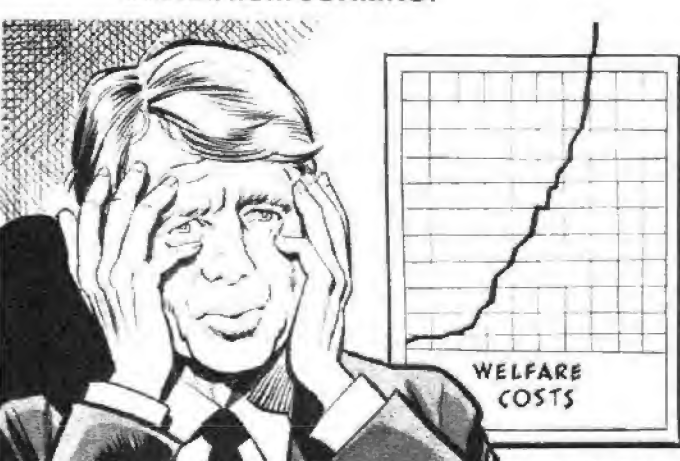
**JIMMY STILL FACES HIGH LEVELS OF UN-EMPLOYMENT.**



**JIMMY HAS FAILED TO SOLVE OUR FUEL CRISIS.**



**JIMMY HAS NOT STOPPED WELFARE COSTS FROM SOARING.**



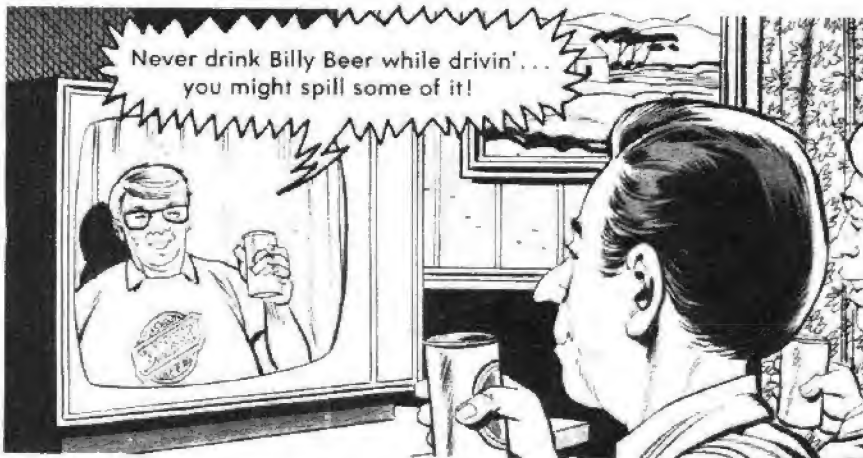
**JIMMY IS FACED WITH RECORD MILITARY EXPENDITURES BECAUSE HE HESITATES TO BRING BACK THE DRAFT.**



**BROTHER BILLY WOULD CREATE NEW JOBS BY PUTTING BILLY BEER IN OFFICE COOLERS... COMPANIES WOULD THEN HAVE TO HIRE MORE WORKERS TO GET THE SAME AMOUNT OF WORK DONE!**



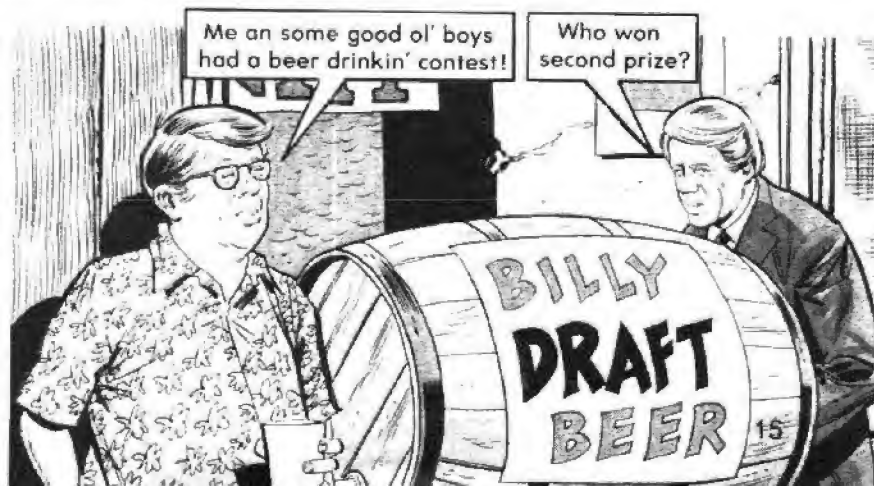
**BILLY WOULD SHOW THE NATION HOW TO GET WELL OILED!**



**BROTHER BILLY WOULD INTRODUCE A WELFARE PROGRAM THAT WOULD COST ONLY PEANUTS; MAINLY BECAUSE IT WOULD CONSIST OF ONLY PEANUTS!**



**BROTHER BILLY WOULD RALLY ROUND THE DRAFT!**



**JIMMY'S APPOINTMENTS ARE CONFINED MOSTLY TO CRONIES FROM GEORGIA.**



**JIMMY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO KEEP INFLATION FROM HITTING US IN THE POCKETBOOK.**



**JIMMY HAS NOT CHECKED THE HEAVY DOLLAR DRAIN CAUSED BY OUR IMPORTING OIL.**



**JIMMY HAS NO HOBBY.**



**BROTHER BILLY WOULD APPOINT THE BEST TALENT IN THE WORLD!**



**BROTHER BILLY WOULD MOVE THE PROBLEM OF INFLATION TO ANOTHER AREA!**



**BROTHER BILLY WOULD STOP THE DOLLAR DRAIN BY TRADING THE ARABS FOR THEIR OIL!**



**BROTHER BILLY WOULD HAVE A COLLECTION SECOND TO NONE!**





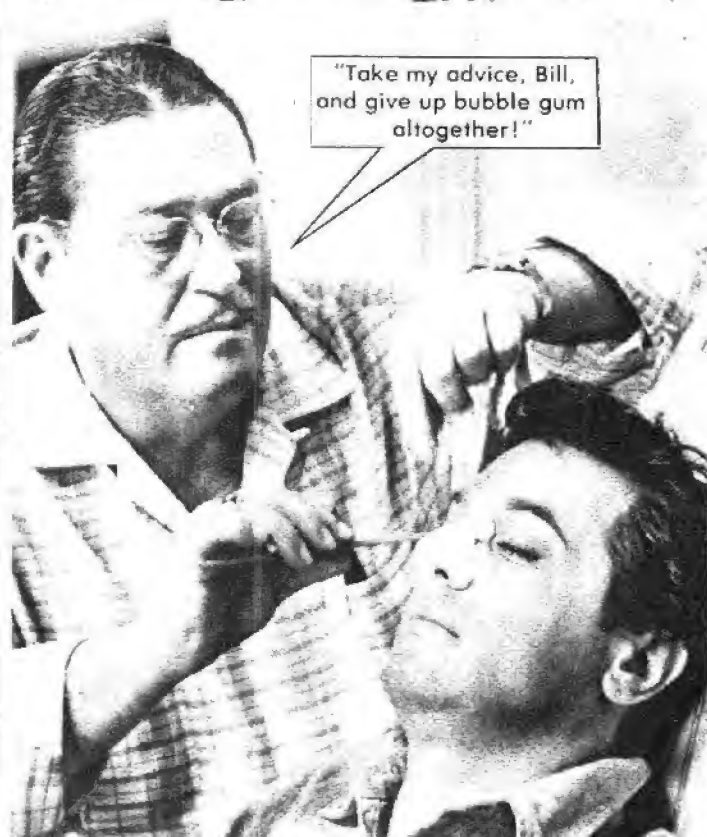
**Warning:**

This article contains highly humorous material. If you are not physically ready to laugh or are reading this magazine in a place where a sudden outburst of laughter would give you away or draw embarrassing attention to yourself, DO NOT READ ON! No doubt about it, this article is...

# INCURABLY

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"Something tells me I've been taken. This has got to be the **rustiest** pogo stick I've **ever** seen!"



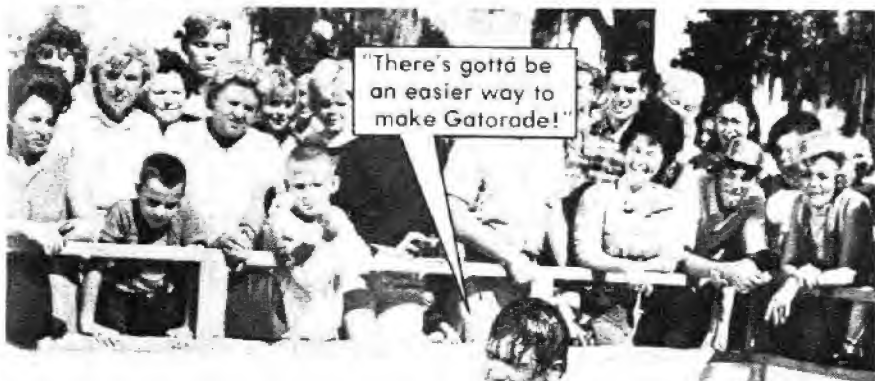
"And **you** said it was gonna **rain** today!"



"My Lord! I knew Ace Exterminators were efficient but..."



"There! Now maybe **you** know how it feels to have an ice cube down **your** back!"



"There's gotta be an easier way to make Gatorade!"



"Yep. Surgeon-General has asked us to recall all blue-eyed babies born between '76 and '77!"



**Wet ducks fly at night?" We will repeat . . .**  
**"Wet ducks fly at night?" Thank you for being patient**  
**during the above public service announcement.**  
**We now return you to our next regularly scheduled**  
**article entitled**

# THE CRACKED GUIDE TO FISHING



## ODE TO A FISH

Little fishy in the sea,  
 How I wish I could catch thee.  
 Take you home as a new  
 found pet,  
 Get you checked out by my vet.  
 Buy you glasses  
 A little coat,  
 Some fin mittens,  
 A tie that floats.  
 Send you to college to get  
 a degree—



Oh my gosh, what you're  
 costing me!  
 That tie! The vet!  
 Oh, the prices I've paid!  
 The next thing you're getting,  
 I'm afraid, is filleted



Yes, with the price of food today, more and more people are taking up this oldest of all sports to help feed their families more cheaply. "But I can't fish," you lament (and you lament well). Oh yes you can! Simply turn the page and read on (otherwise you'll be stuck on this page reading the above poem over and over and over and . . .).



## STILL FISHING

Here, a fisherman stands on a dock or a river bank, tosses in his line and then waits for a bite. How long he must wait is determined by who is smarter—the fisherman or the fish!

## KINDS OF FISHING

As you gaze about this page, two things will come to mind.

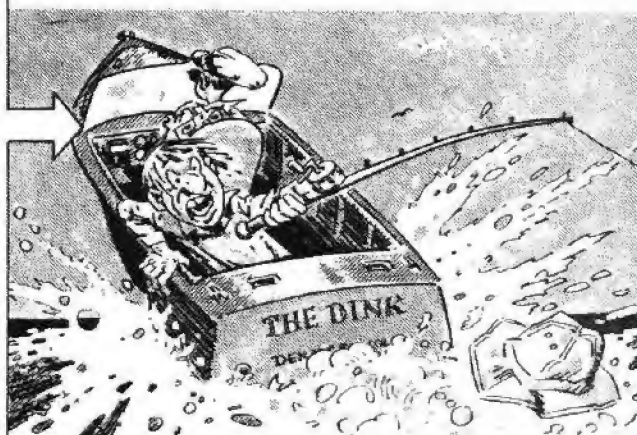
One is, "My, I didn't think there was such a variety of ways to fish," and the other is, "Who cares!"

I should be out back pruning the porcupines instead of reading this drivell!"

But remember—you asked to be here (see bottom of previous page.)

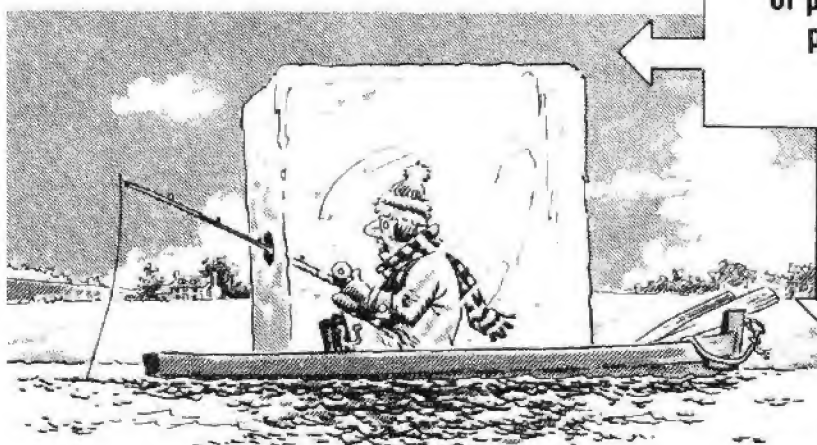
## TROLLING

This is done from a moving boat. The fisherman stands with his line over the side, while the skipper navigates at a safe, but adequate speed through the water.



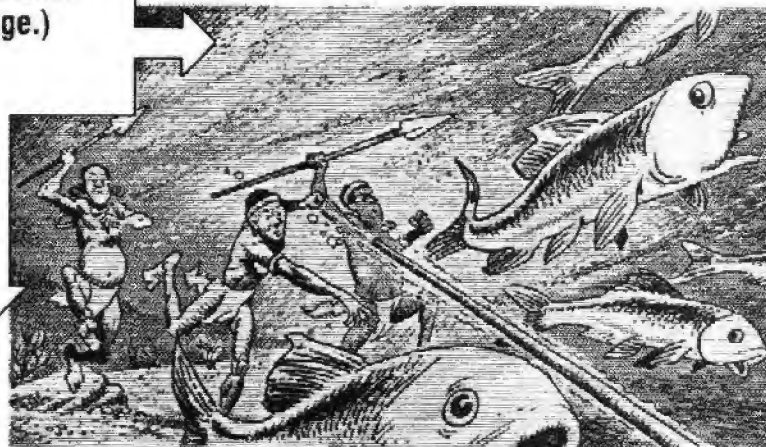
## ICE FISHING

This is a popular winter sport (not practiced in Florida, however) where sportsmen fish through ice.



## SPEAR FISHING

Allowed only in certain states here at home, this type of fishing is extremely popular overseas—especially in Africa.



## CASTING

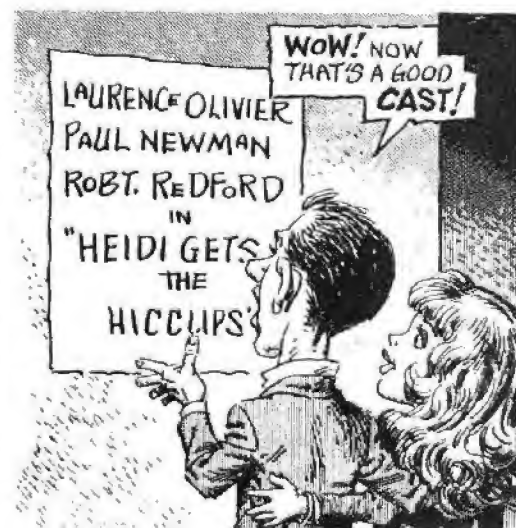
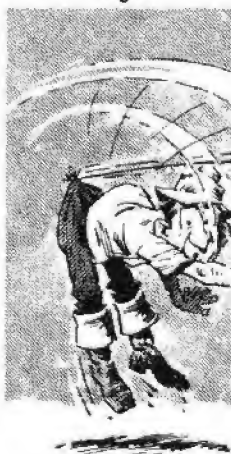
This is probably the most popular of all recreational fishing. The bait is placed on a hook and then "tossed" out by the angler, jerking his rod. Practicing the cast is very important.

Fig 1

Fig 2

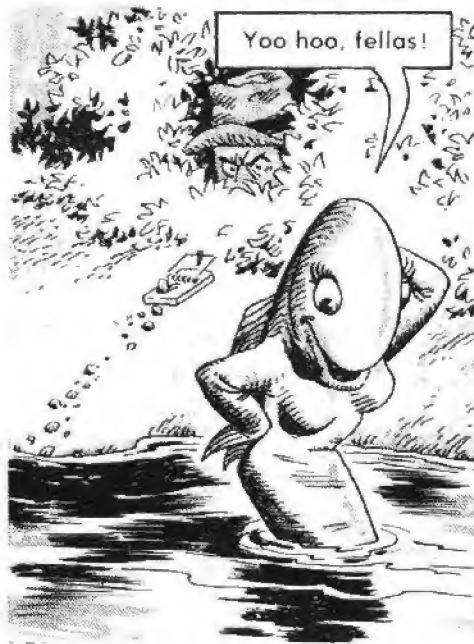
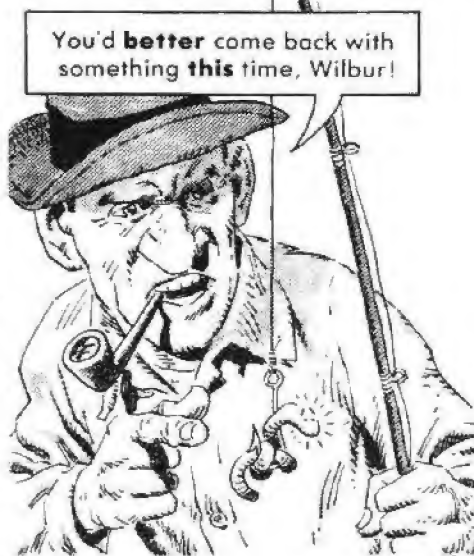
Fig 3

Fig 4



# BAIT

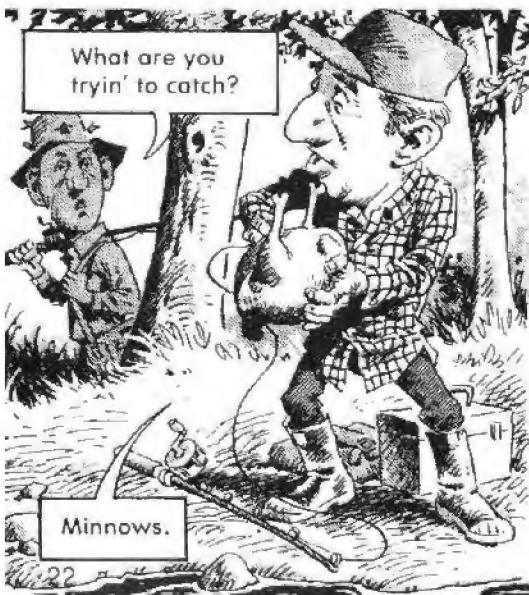
There are almost as many kinds of bait as there are fish. Which is best? Well, that all depends on exactly what type of fish you're after.



Remember, more fish are usually caught if the **RIGHT** bait is used . . .

. . . and the right type of hook is helpful too!

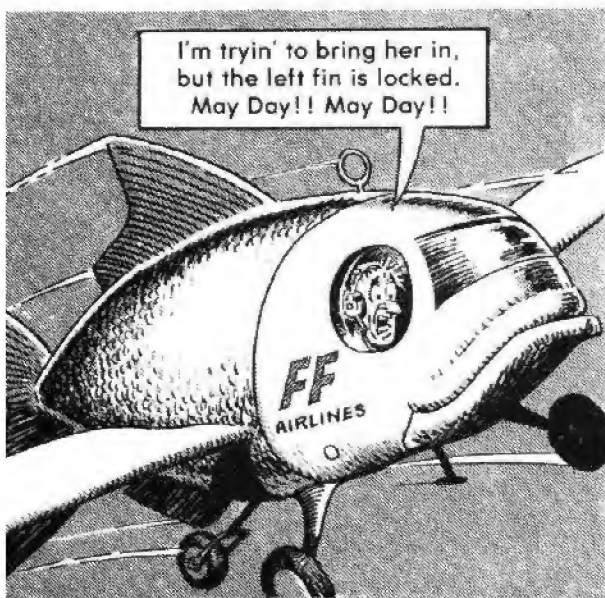
But, of course, you'll always find those people who don't believe in bait at all.



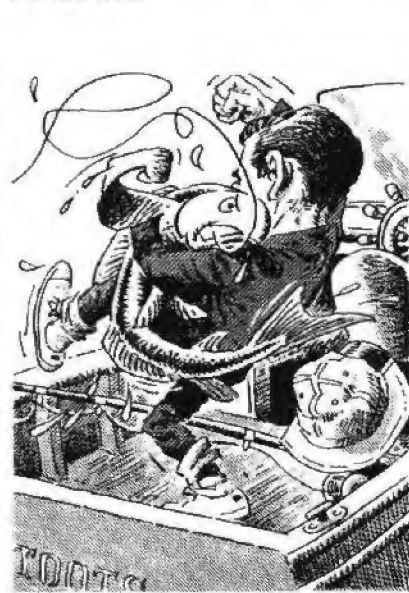


### LANDING A FISH

No, this isn't what we mean by landing a fish!



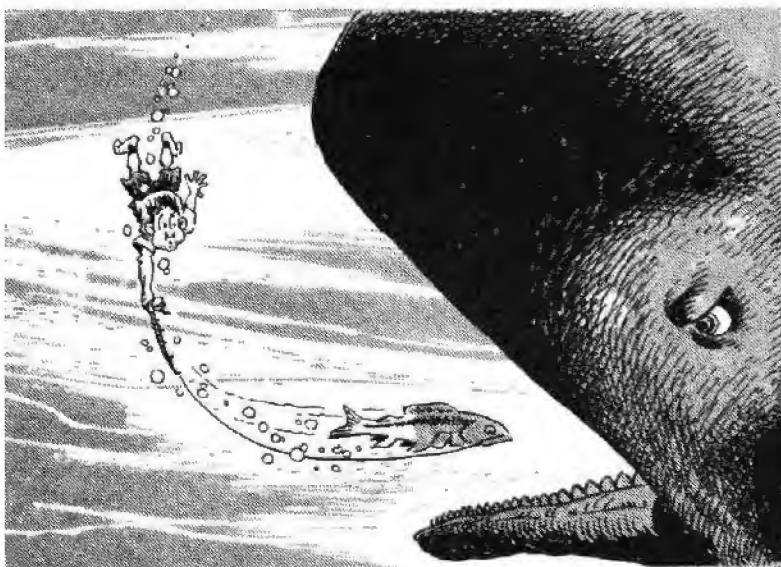
After a fish has been hooked, sometimes it will put up a slight fight before you can reel it in.



Stick with the fish—even if he starts to get playful and gives the line a slight tug.



However, remember—there may be times when it becomes necessary to cut your line and let the fish go.



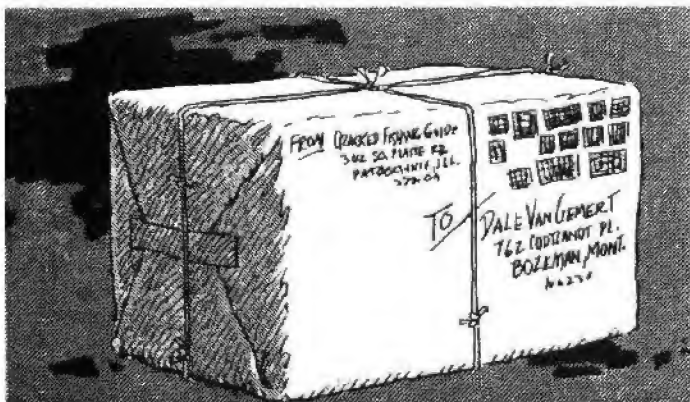
### WHERE TO FISH

We suggest you fish where the fish are. Here are some suggestions.



### EQUIPMENT

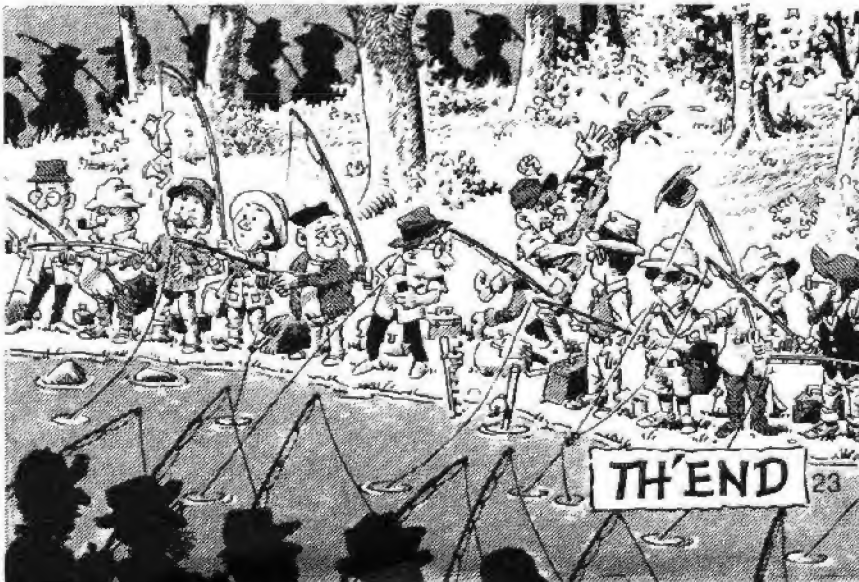
No guide is thorough without discussing equipment. We have put together what we believe is a complete package.



Unfortunately, it's all wrapped up and ready to be shipped to some lucky fisherman, so we'll just have to skip this section.

### FINAL WORDS

And there you have it—fishing as a relaxing and budget cutting sport—one that you'll find extremely enjoyable—that is, if you don't get caught being in a super popular spot.

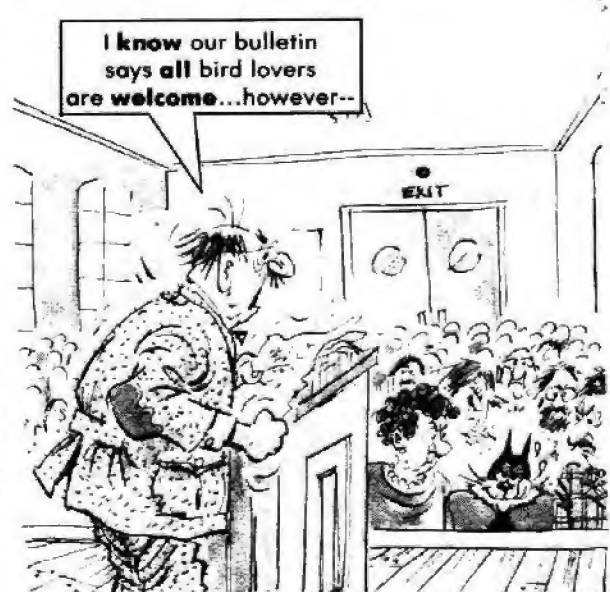


# A CRACKED LOOK AT













Where did humor begin? Funny you should ask because there really is no documented text showing where jokes, puns and riddles evolved from. However, after painstaking research (and lots of joke book swiping,) we have come up with the origins of many famous lines and present now, for the first time anywhere

# THE CRACKED

DECEMBER 5, 1116

History records the first joke made during the Dark Ages.

**155 MILLION B.C.**  
The World's First Joke



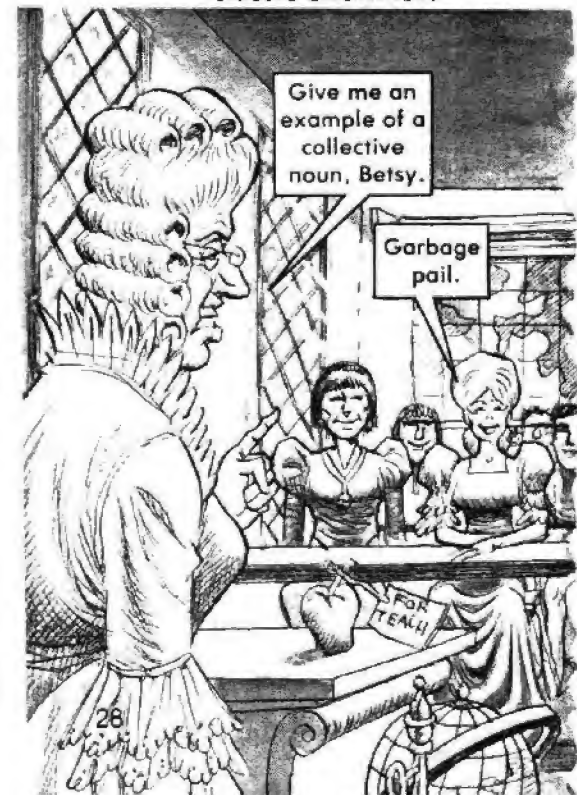
**102 B.C.**

The world's second joke is made...



**1641**

A student, having not studied the night before for an oral exam, ends up blurting out a classic one-liner.



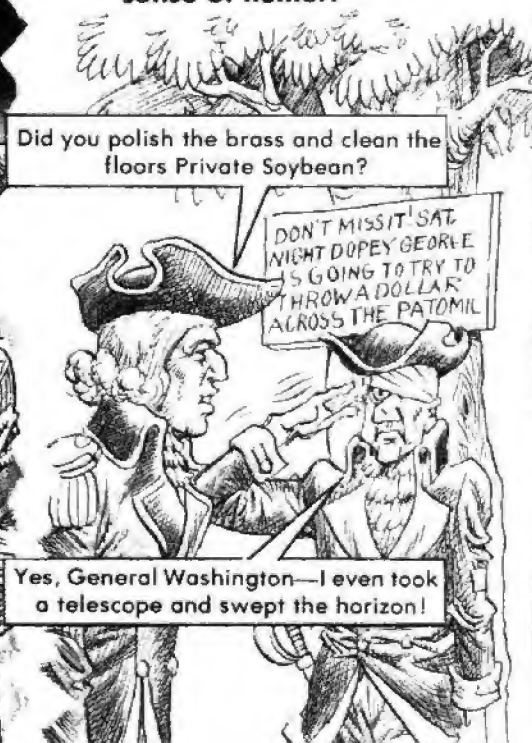
**1690**

Sir William Williams III invents humorous verse.



**JULY 1, 1778**

Despite the Revolutionary War being held over for a third year (due to popular request) the men fighting don't lose their sense of humor.





# HISTORY OF HUMOR

1314

A chemist and his son produce an accidental pun while working in their lab.



1492

Found in the diary of Mr. Frank Footer, this exchange (as well as PL2 - 1377) is considered a rare gem today.



JANUARY 10, 1640

The Salem witch hunts are in full swing with much talk of the super-natural flying about. But despite hangings, shootings, and even people losing their jobs, humor is still found to be thriving.



JANUARY 8, 1801

And who can forget...



JULY 12, 1812

After trying to write an Overture to go with the year, Mozart Scamadell instead turns his efforts to humor and draws the first single-panel cartoon.



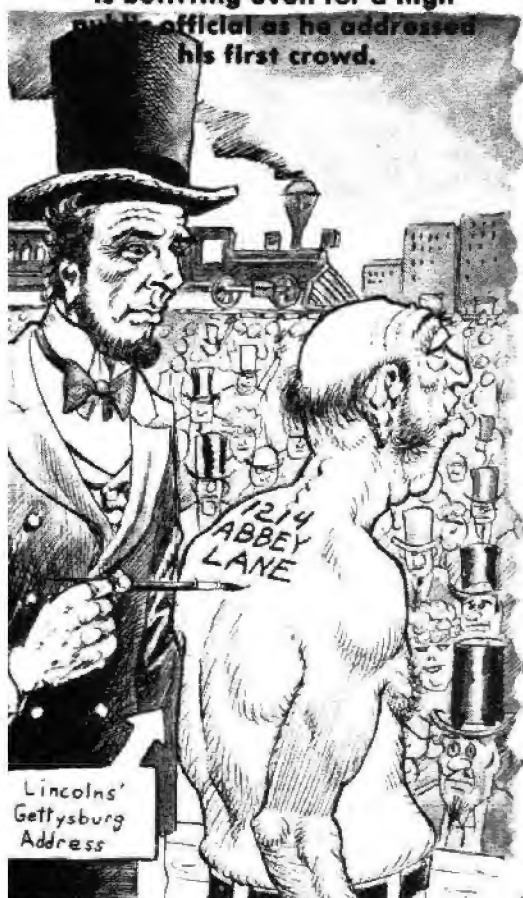
1843

In a small hotel near Minihaha, Minnesota, a disgruntled hotel clerk, sick of complaining guests, blurts out a line never to be forgotten.



**NOVEMBER 3, 1860**

President Abraham Lincoln proves to the world that humor is befitting even for a high public official as he addressed his first crowd.



Mt. Vesuvius begins a frantic eruption in Italy, but despite losing his family, his home and his comb, Pasquel Mozzorella shouts this to the volcano:



**1863**

Every night Shecky McFerson comes out, seats himself on a stool and begins telling jokes to the audience at the "Leaky Cow."

My doctor told me chain smoking was bad for my health... so I switched to tobacco... And, of course, you all know what the police in China keep yelling every time some woman hugs Mao Tsu Tung—Lady please! Don't squeeze the Chairman!



But not a titter is heard in the house.

**1863 4 A.M.**

Accidentally, Shecky forgets his chair and a new era is born—the stand-up comedian.

And then there's the story of the guy who stayed up all night long to try to figure out where the sun went when it set. "Where? Where? Where?" he wondered—finally, 8 hours later, it dawned on him!



**1923**

Along the Vaudeville Circuit, a comedian's wife tries to get her husband convicted for murder. Instead creates a standard.

And just how did this very funny man attempt to kill you?

You honor, he tried to joke me to death.

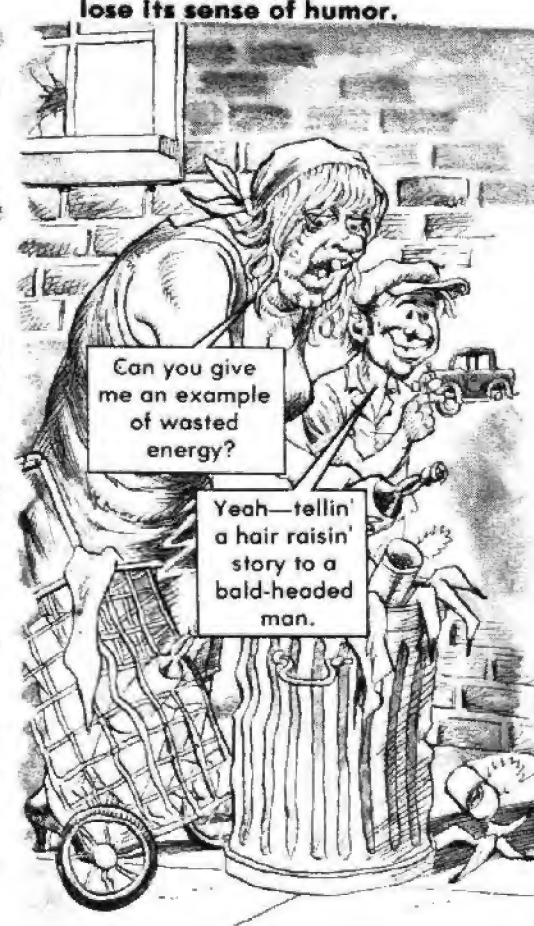


**1929**

The great Depression is in full swing, but still America doesn't lose its sense of humor.

Can you give me an example of wasted energy?

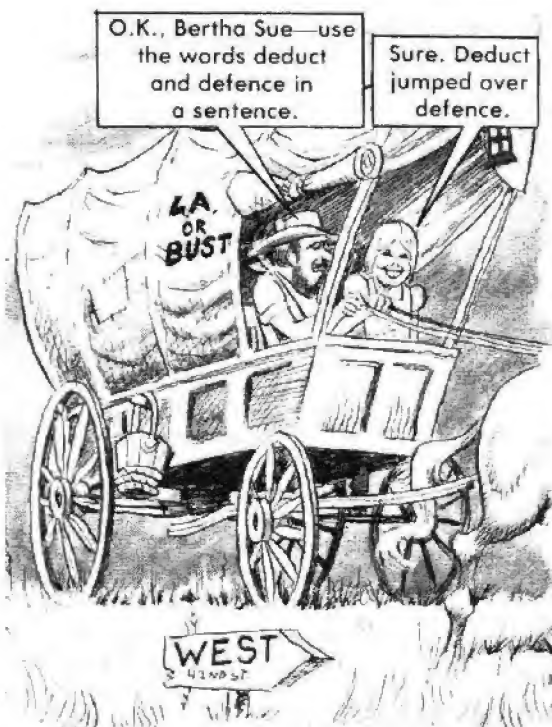
Yeah—telling a hair raisin' story to a bald-headed man.





1872

On the road west, Morgan Weinsap starts to tutor his daughter in English, but ends up regretting it.



1901

Henry Ford is hard at work building his first automobile when a classic line is accidentally invented.



FEBRUARY 15, 1906

An elevator operator, bored with his job, is taken by surprise when a passenger answers one of his dumb homemade riddles with a clever response.



APRIL 4, 1957

On this historic date, a magazine named CRACKED, devoting itself entirely to humor is unleashed at the public and the response is unanimous!



THE PRESENT

And today, what state is humor in?

PARTS OF NEBRASKA IDAHO NEW YORK



Yes, humor thrives and lives. And the outlook for its surviving into the next century? Well, as the explorer said during his journey through<sup>31</sup> the jungle—"Safari, so good!"

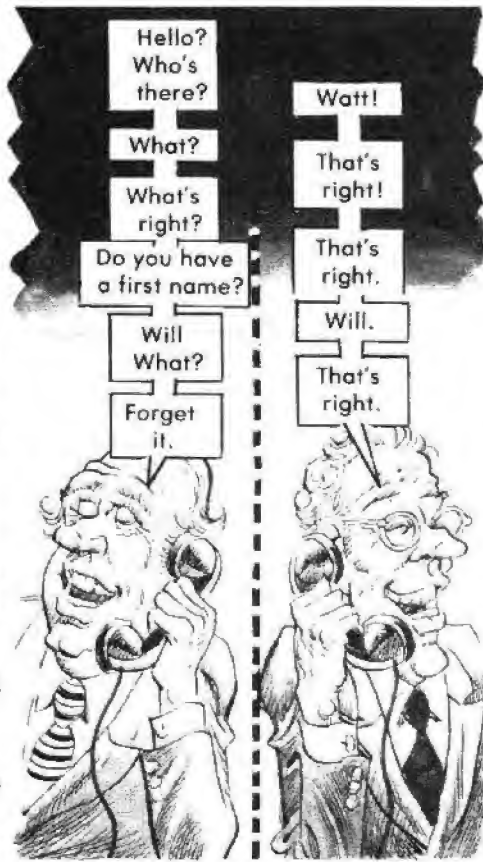
DECEMBER 3, 1942

Hollywood is in it's heyday as a smash romantic comedy comes bursting on the scene that contains a memorable line. The movie: "Bambi Gets A Hot Foot." The line:



1956

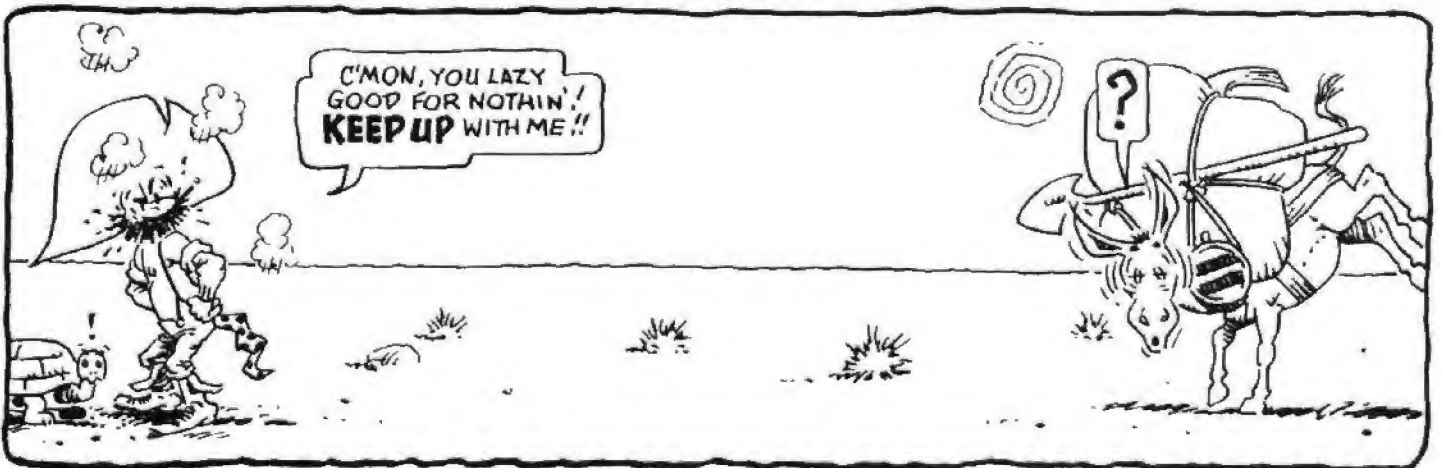
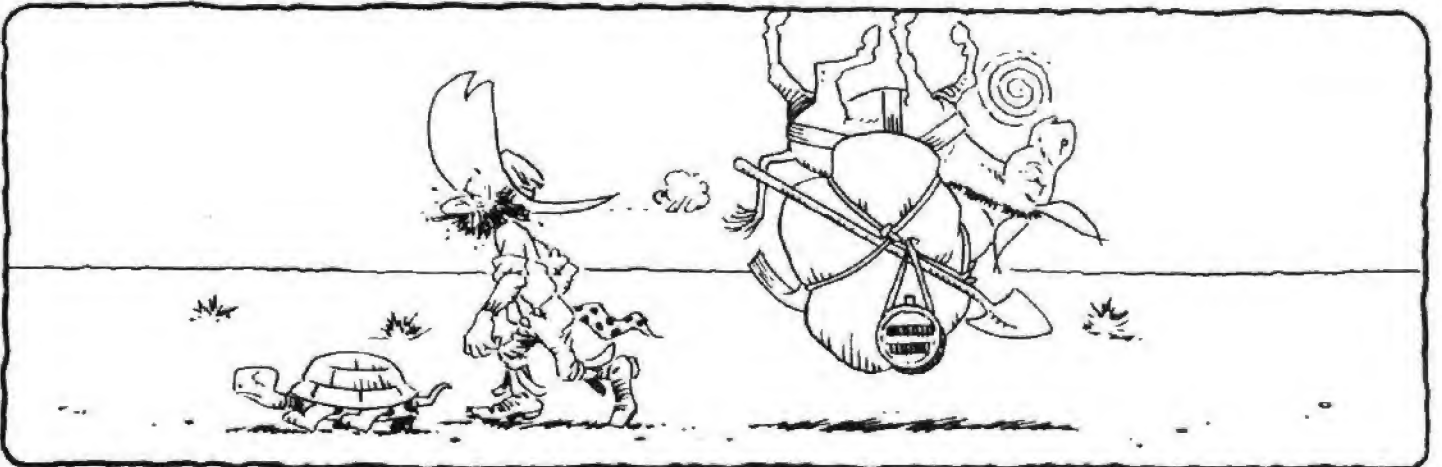
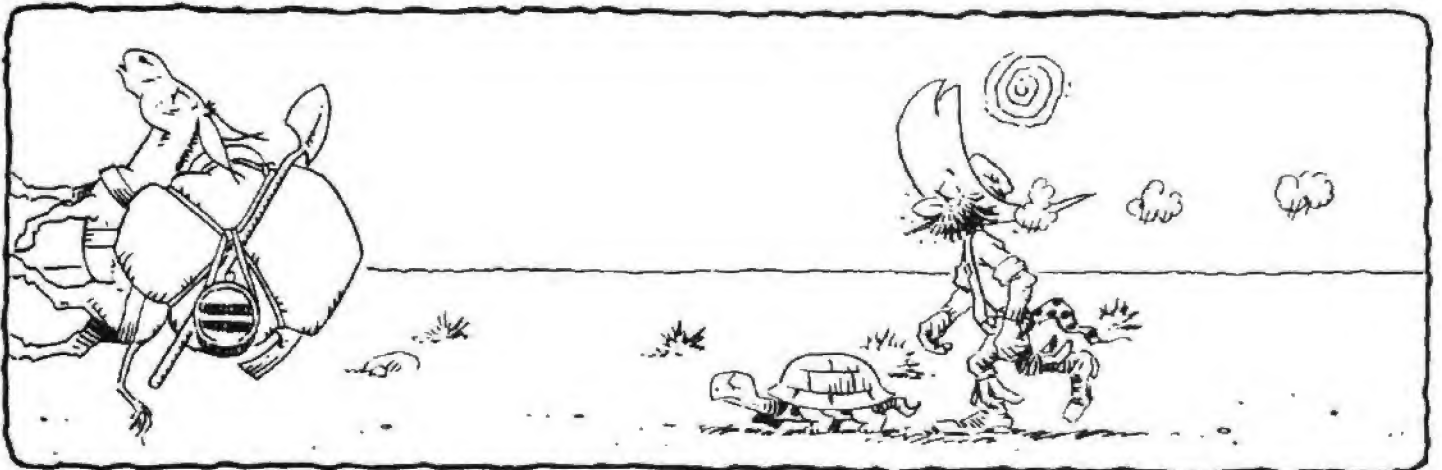
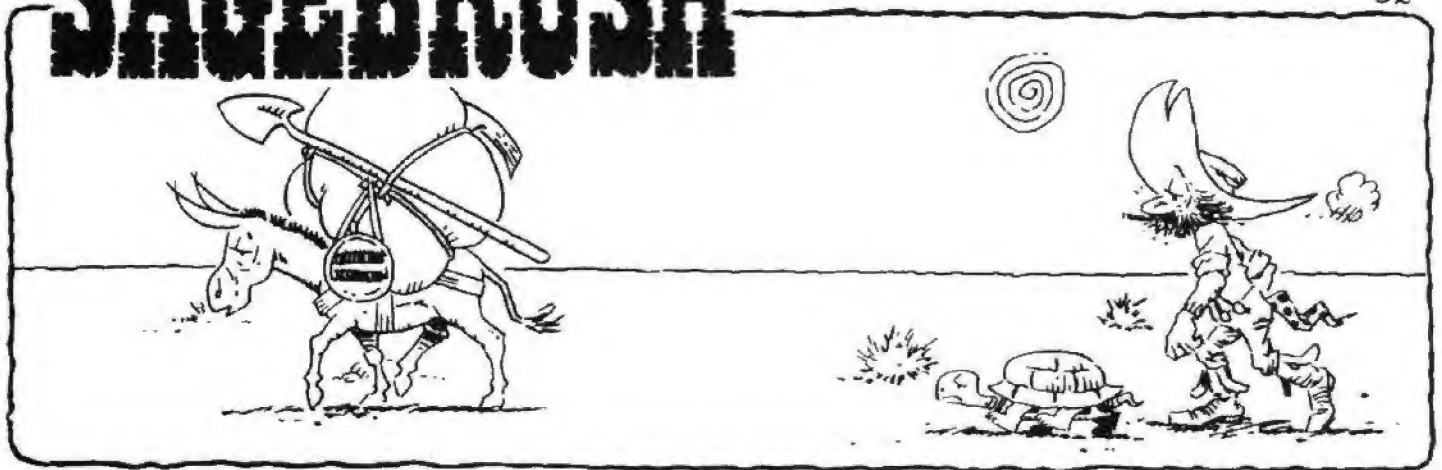
Ben Farber and Victor Ringlard—better known to their fans as Ben Farber and Victor Ringlard, perfect this classic routine.



# SAGEBRUSH

by SEVERIN + MF

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One of the biggest selling books of the past 5 years is "THE PEOPLE'S ALMANAC" which is nothing but a reference book of interesting and outrageous facts. Well, a sequel is due out anytime now (if it isn't out already) and we figured, why should you have to pay \$10.95 for such a work when we can give you the same thing free. So here now, for all of you reference freaks to use as the need arises, is the first edition of

# THE CRACKED ALMANAC

A collection of hundreds of useless, incorrect facts in easy reference form.

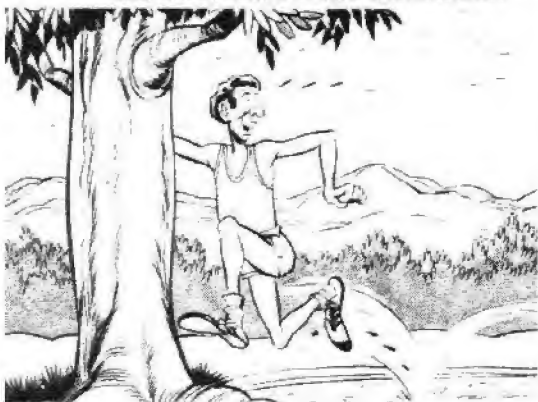


Includes

- calendars to 1971
- 10 new recipes for ice
- approximate heights of famous chess players
- plus a photo account of an Andes Tribe that survives on nothing but olive oil and the helicopters they catch.

# SPORTS ODDITIES

**Running** Lester Corncob dropped out of the Boston marathon even though he was 20 miles ahead of his nearest competitor. During his 29th mile he ran into a tree that left him unconscious.



**Baseball** Duke Mitsuiishi, catcher, once threw out 5 men all trying to steal during the same inning.



He spotted the five, through a hole in the outfield fence, trying to hotwire his Jaguar in the parking lot.

**HOW  
TO  
START  
A  
FIRE  
WITHOUT  
A  
MATCH**



**5 NUMBERS SELDOM  
USED BY HUNGARIANS**

72 67 112  
Plaza 2-7000  
1,763,158,204,706

**CONTRARY TO POPULAR  
BELIEF, RAISINS CAN BE  
GLUED TOGETHER.**



The word **BORING** becomes a  
totally different word  
when spelled backwards:

**GNIROB**

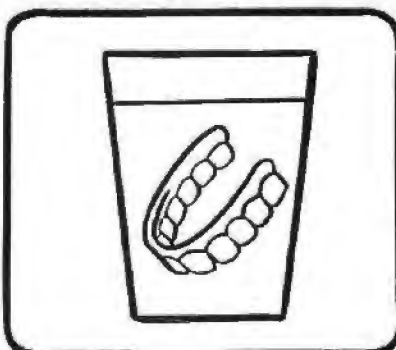
meaning "bird repairman"

**NEW ROADSIGNS NOW BEING  
USED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

**Falling Rock Zone**

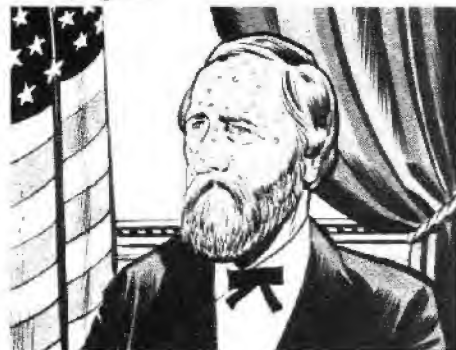


**Bridge Out**

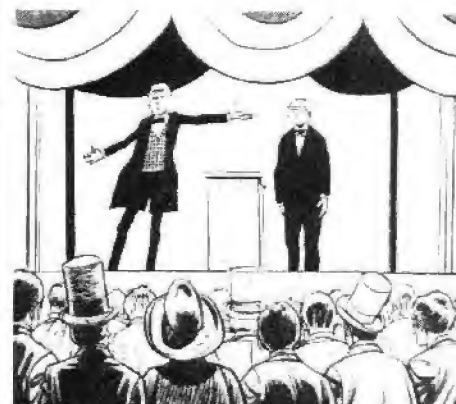


## 6 UNKNOWN FACTS ABOUT THE PRESIDENTS

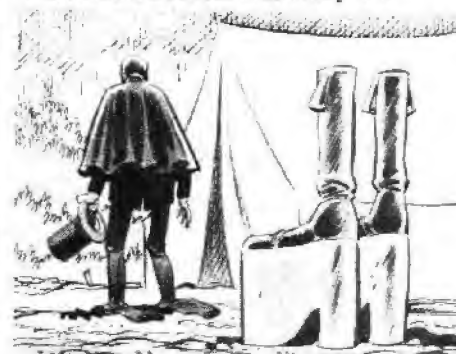
- Rutherford B. Hayes was allergic to aspergum.



- Even while Millard Fillmore was in office, nobody knew he was President.



- Abraham Lincoln was really 4'8"



- Washington stood while crossing the Delaware because he had booked the trip on a stand-by basis.



- The other 2 facts are still unknown.



# OFFBEAT ARTISTS

Leonard Stipkowsky successfully reproduced Rodin's "THE THINKER" using nothing but Polish Kilbasi.



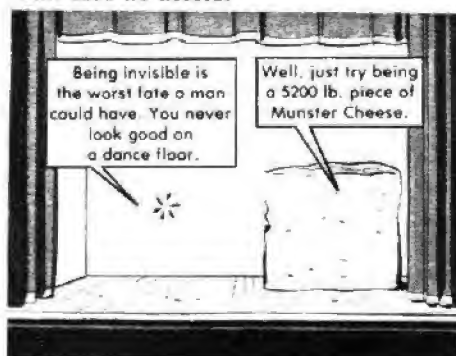
Mildred Applejack, author of "FEAR OF SMALL PLACES" could only write while locked in a steamer trunk.



Theodore Tchaikovsky (the lessor known of the Tchaikovsky brothers) composed his first symphony during a basketball game.



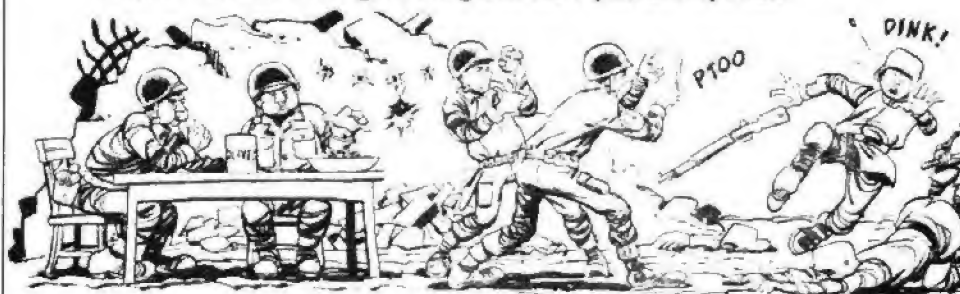
Felix Lope wrote a two-character play that used no actors.



The play closed during the first act.

# WEIRD WEAPONS

During WWII, 14 Americans totally out of ammunition held off 14,000 Germans using nothing but olive pits and spoons.



If you mix 3 pounds of mud with 5 quarts of milk



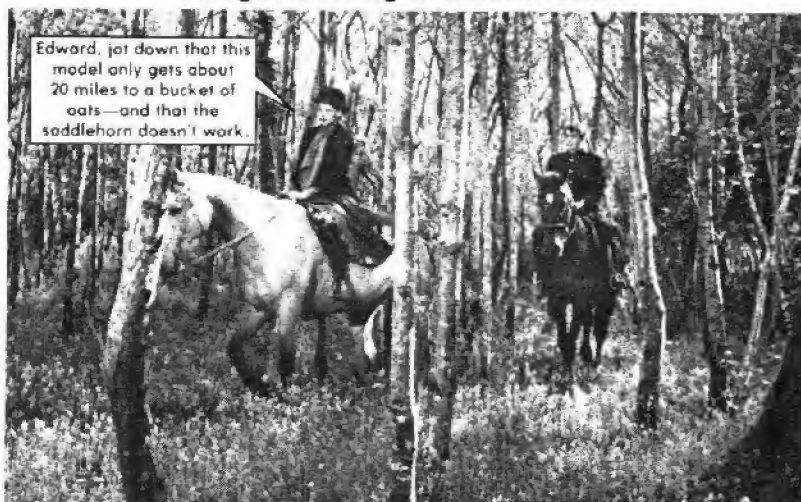
You will have wasted 5 quarts of perfectly good milk for nothing!

# UNUSUAL OCCUPATIONS

Frederick Von Weinwaller is a flea psychiatrist



Margaret Dung is a horsetester



# THE RULES TO CROWBAR BALL

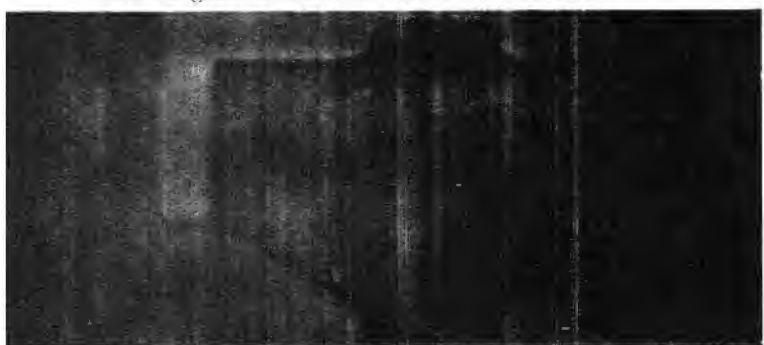
♦ A ball is placed between two people who "hug" it as tightly as possible.



♦ Three members from each of the 8 competing teams, using crowbars (and nothing else) must pry the ball loose from the two players' chests.



♦ The "huggers" (as the two ball bearers are known) must keep the ball locked between them for as long as possible or until the game is called on account of darkness.



## Scoring

Team loosening ball .....	4 pts.
If "huggers" cause crowbars to break .....	3 pts.
If "pryers" cause "huggers" to break .....	6 pts.
If "huggers" keep ball until darkness.....	7 pts.
If the ball quits and goes home.....	Draw

At the end of three days (normal game length) points are added up and the losers must buy everyone containers of buttermilk.

## PHASES OF THE MOON

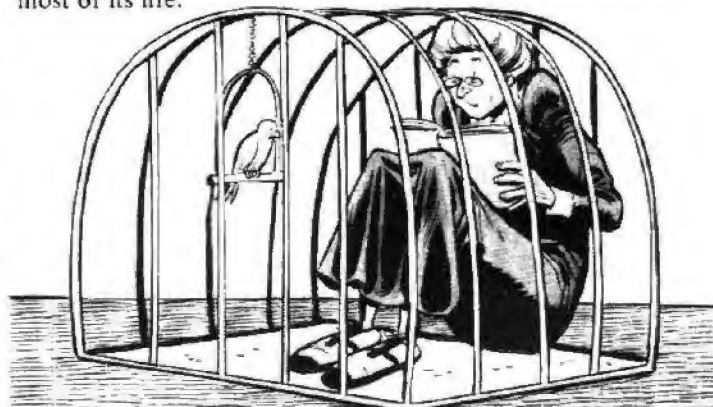


**A TOMATO IS A FRUIT WHEN RAW, A VEGETABLE WHEN COOKED AND A MESS WHEN MASHED.**



## UNUSUAL ANIMALS

Mrs. Anita Frombly (aged 106) lived with her canary Abe for most of its life.



Bibs, a 7 year old golden retriever, pulled his master's bed down 6 flights of stairs and out to safety after smelling smoke one night.



Unfortunately, his master was in the bathroom at the time and had to be rescued by firemen.

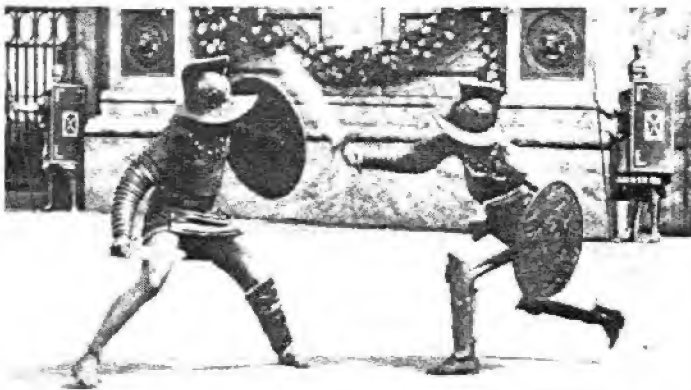
A woman in Lima, Kansas, taught her cat how to change stations on the T.V.





## AMAZING AS IT MAY SEEM—

The only surviving photograph from the Roman Empire proves that Gladiators did not use swords to fight, but rather laser lights (like those used in Star Wars).



## UNUSUAL STORE SIGNS



## THE GREAT COFFEE BEAN SCANDAL OF 1967

Little Pebble, Nevada

Coffee prices on the remote island of Tonga Tonga soared to \$8.37 a cup. Two Americans (Lester Fribble and Bent Fabric) trapped on the island and penniless, tried everything and anything to get a free cup.



The two were later convicted of fraud and forced to wear "Perdue Chicken" labels whenever they went out.

**BEFORE ERASERS WERE INVENTED, PEOPLE USED STALE BREAD TO ERADICATE MISTAKES.**



## FAMOUS (BUT LITTLE-HERALDED) INVENTORS

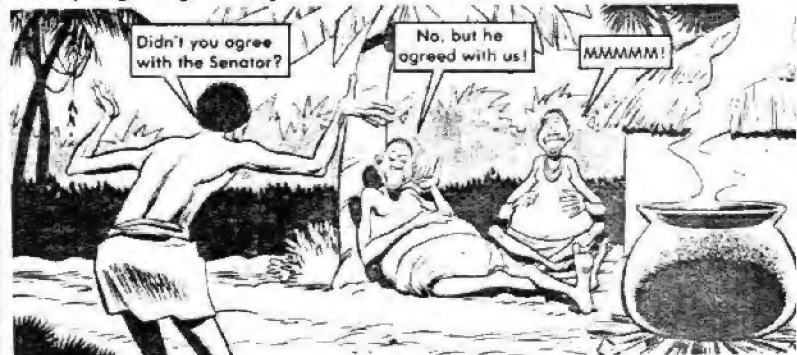


Thomas Gum 1872—  
Inventor of chewing gum



Leo Lipvisor 1770—  
Inventor of first toothbrush

Senator Unga Baluga returned to his home district in deepest, darkest Africa to do some campaigning—only to be eaten by his constituents.

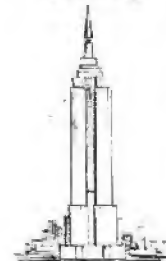


## THE 3 TALLEST STRUCTURES IN N.Y.

The World Trade Center



The Empire State Building

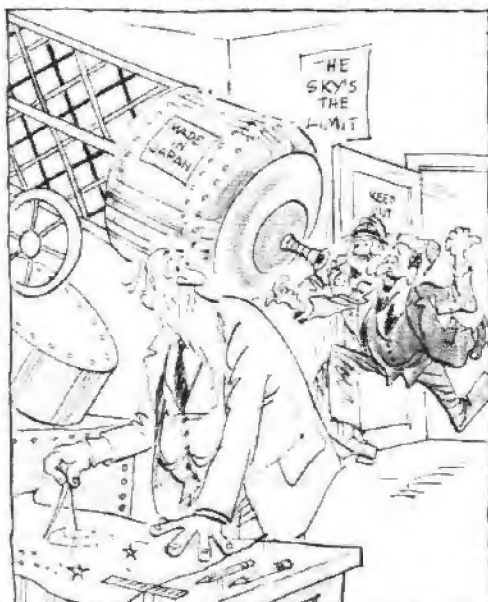


Rudolpho Layup

I, the human fly will next try to scale this structure.



# THE STARRY-EYED ASTRONOMERS



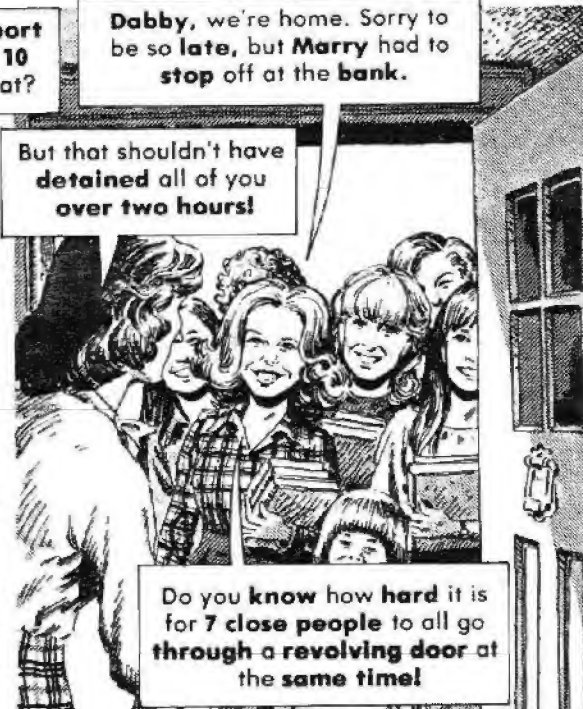
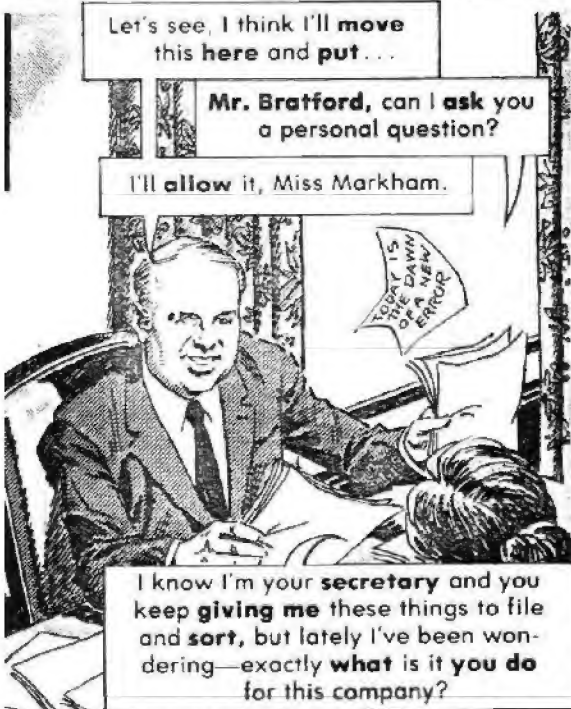
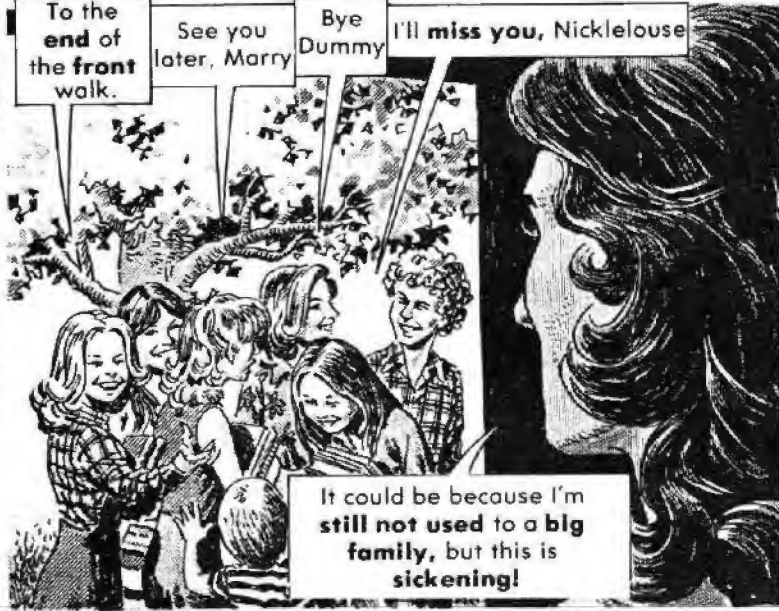
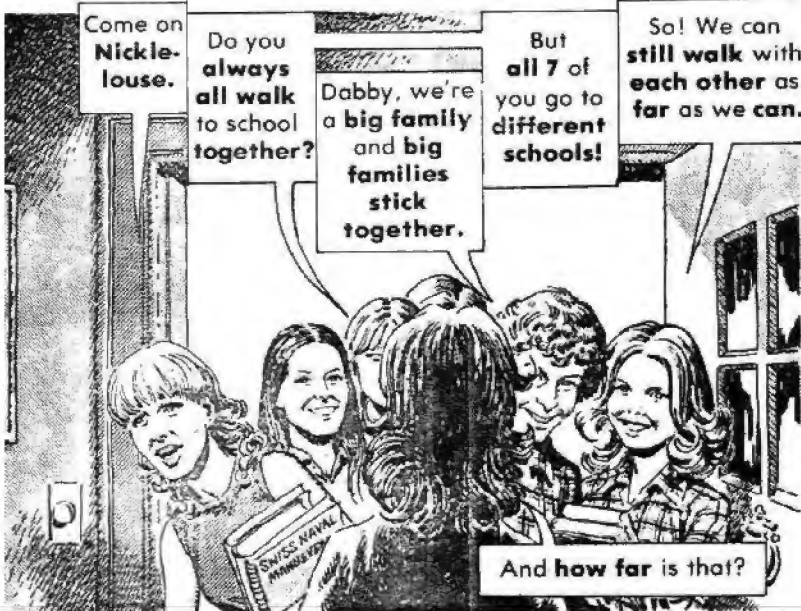
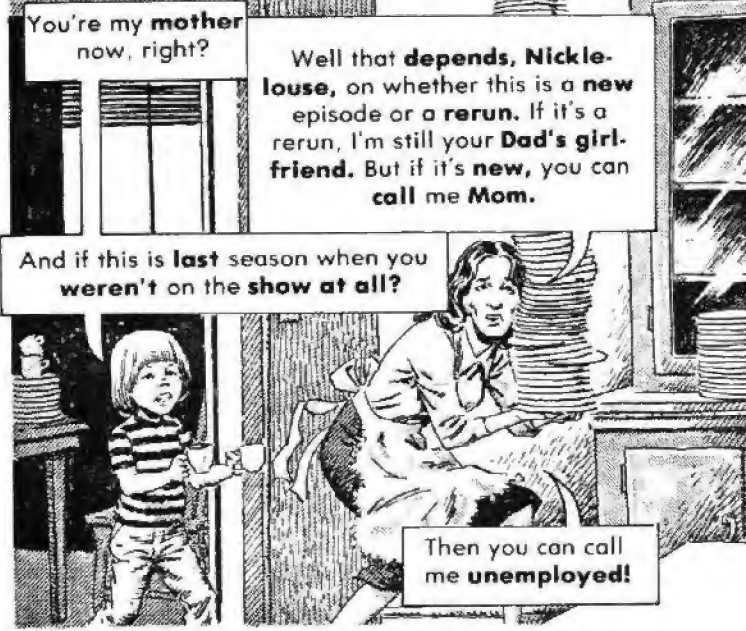
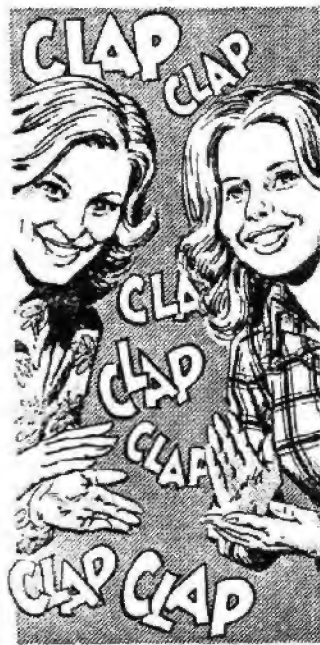


When TV was starting out, the first all-American family to come on the scene was "Ozzie and Harriet"—four, loving people whose main staple seemed to be milk and cookies. This was later followed by "Father Knows Best," "My Three Sons," Donna Reed, "The Waltons," "Little House On The Prairie" . . . and now there's yet another series! And frankly, we're just a little sick of families on TV who never fight with one another and who think a big night on the town is going to the ice cream parlour to count sprinkles. It's just not normal! And as our title of this latest family hit puts it, as far as CRACKED is concerned

CRACKED is playing squash with a tomato!

# ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!







I can't thank you enough, Dummy, for taking time away from your studying to help me bring this couch home.

No (ugh) problem. Where should I (ooh) put it?

Well, let me see...

ALEXANDER WAS GOOD BUT NOT GREAT.

How come you (ugh) still don't have (ow) furniture in here after two years?

Because I'm working on a wild west motif—big empty spaces—miles and miles of nothing.

What made you pick that?

It was the only decor I could afford.

Gee, it must be (pain) great being (ugh) Independent.

Uh oh!

What's wrong?

It's nearly 5:00. We'd better get back to Dad's house, otherwise we'll miss dinner!

It is. Your own place... your own hours... do what you want...

Ah, do you mind. I know that a big family is supposed to stick together, but this is getting a little ridiculous.

STAMP OUT INGROWN TOE NAILS

Why? We all have to wash eventually, so why not together?

I don't believe this. Even Vapid's here. He comes all the way across town to wash with our soap and water.

Look, as long as you're all here, tomorrow is your father's birthday. We should do something special for him. Something he'd really like.

You save where you can Dabby!

Isn't it against the law to sell Nickle-louse?

CREAK!

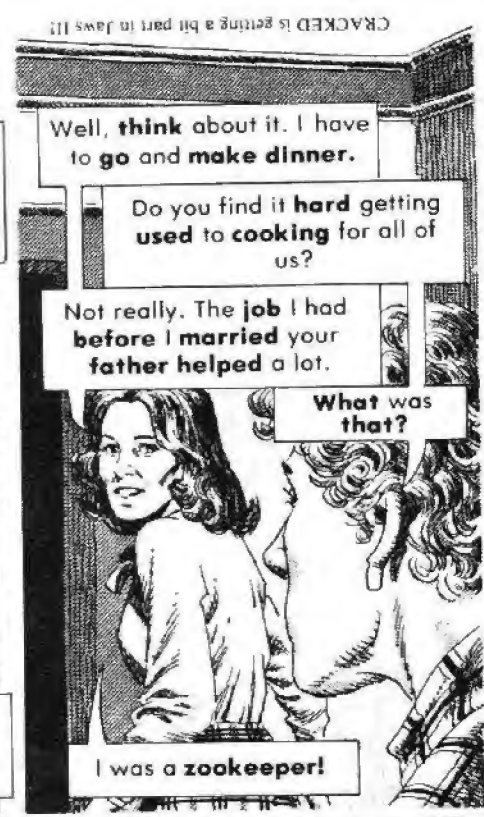


No, come on.

How about we **buy Dad a linguini lengthener**. He doesn't have one of those.

I think he needs a **new pair of socks**.

Socks! ... Gee, I **don't know** if I can **swing** that kind of **major expenditure**.



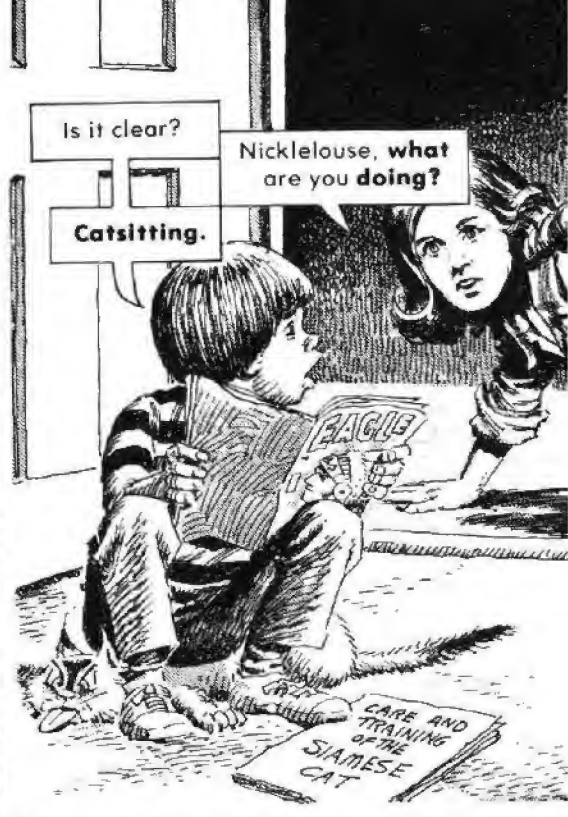
Well, **think** about it. I have to **go and make dinner**.

Do you find it **hard** getting **used to cooking** for all of us?

Not really. The **job** I had **before I married** your **father** helped a lot.

What was that?

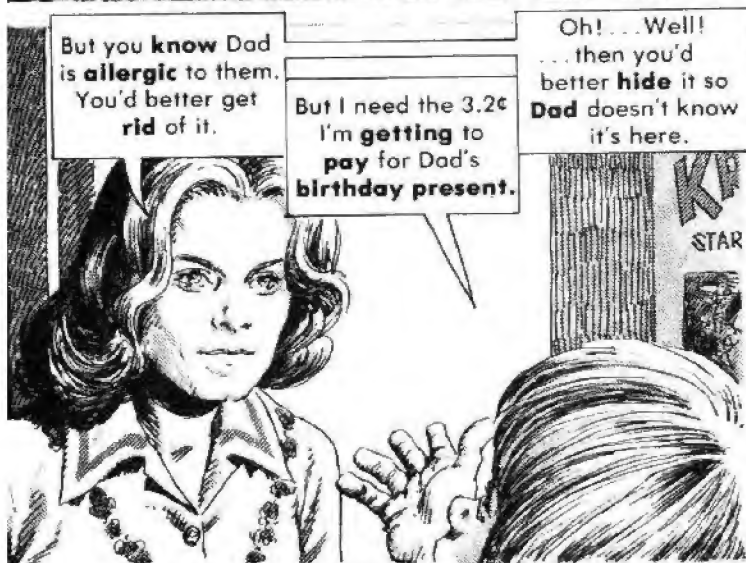
I was a **zookeeper**!



Is it clear?

Nicklelouse, **what** are you **doing**?

**Catsitting**.



But you **know** Dad is **ailergic** to them. You'd better get **rid** of it.

But I need the 3.2c I'm **getting** to **pay** for Dad's **birthday present**.

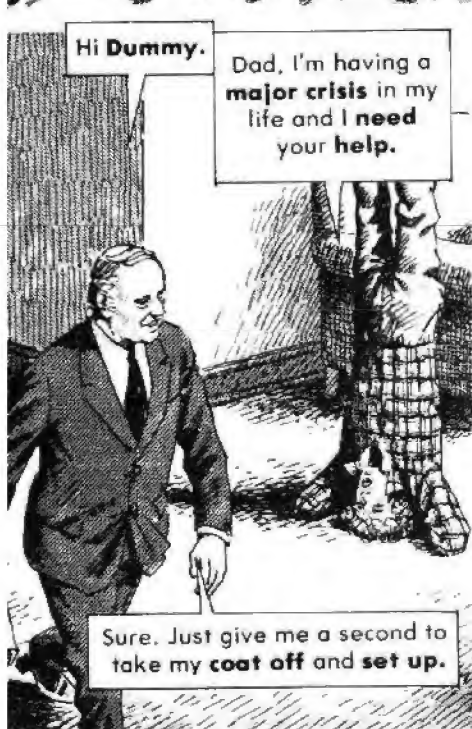
Oh! ... Well! ... then you'd better **hide** it so Dad **doesn't know** it's here.

Evening everyone. Hey, what **happened** to the **couch**?

It's at **my place**. I'm having some **people over** tomorrow and I thought they might like to **sit down** while they're there.



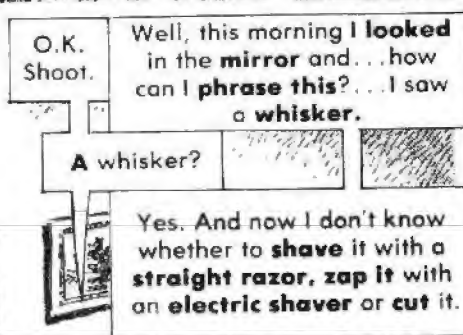
That was **thoughtful**.



Hi **Dummy**.

Dad, I'm having a **major crisis** in my life and I **need** your **help**.

Sure. Just give me a second to take my **coat off** and **set up**.

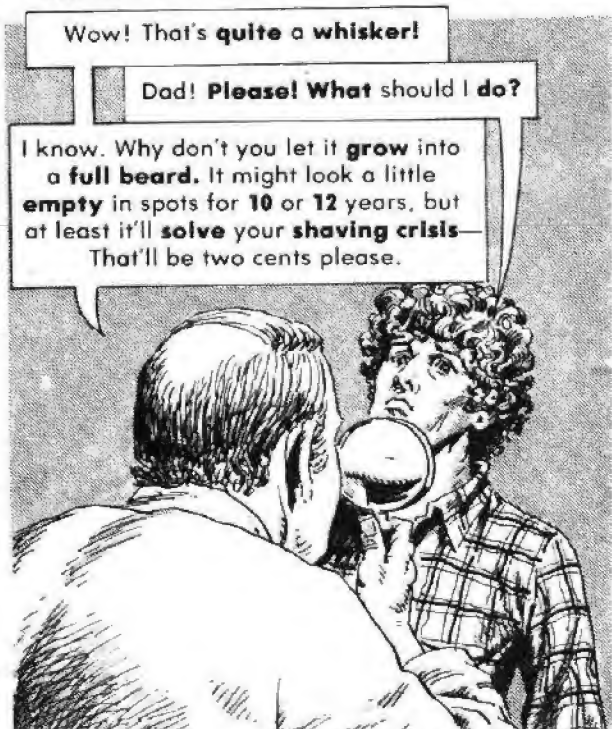


O.K. Shoot.

Well, this morning I **looked** in the **mirror** and... how can I **phrase this**?... I saw a **whisker**.

A whisker?

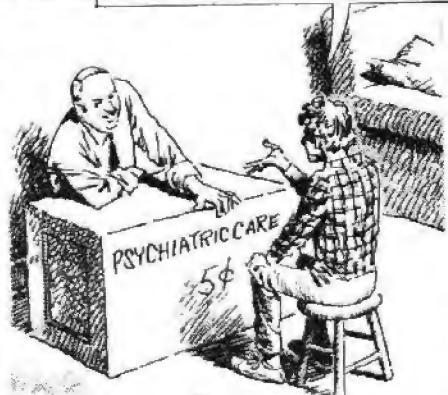
Yes. And now I **don't know** whether to **shave** it with a **straight razor**, **zap** it with an **electric shaver** or **cut** it.



Wow! That's **quite a whisker**!

Dad! **Please!** What should I **do**?

I know. Why don't you let it **grow** into a **full beard**. It might look a little **empty** in spots for **10 or 12 years**, but at least it'll **solve** your **shaving crisis**—That'll be two cents please.





**BLING BLONG**

Would somebody **get the door** ... my **hands** are **full** ... I'm bringing **today's wash** **down** to the laundry room.

Yes?

**Bratford residence?** I have a **grocery delivery** for you.

Bring it in.

CRACKED is mailing a watermelon with a food stamp!

Is that **it**?

**That's it.**

Dad, can you **help me** with my **Geography** homework?

If I **can** **Nicklelouse** ... Wait a minute. **What's that thing** on your **head**?

This? ... Oh ... It's my new **fur hat**. All the kids in **school** are **wearing** them.

Shouldn't you take it **off** in the **house**?

Gee, I'll have to **talk** to **Dabby**. She's gotta **learn** to **order more** than just a **day's worth** of **food** at a time.

**No!!** ... Ah ... I **can't** Dad. If I did, it would be a **catastrophe**! Believe me!

O.K., keep it **on**. Now **what's** your **geography** question?

What is **west**, Dad?

No wonder he **shuffles papers** for a living.

**Dinner's on!!**

That's simple. It's what a **wabbit** needs after **wunning** **around** all day.

Well, now that we're all **seated**, I think it's **time** we gave your **father** his **birthday** present.

I'll get it.

9 children!? ... Hey, **who's** that **funny** looking kid sitting next to Nicklelouse?

It's a **friend** of mine Dad... from school. He's a **foreign** exchange student.

Funny! He **looks** a lot like your **fur** hat!—What **country** is he from?

Israel!

Here you go, Dad. **Happy Birthday.**

Birthday present? Gee, **Dabby**, dinner with my **new wife** and **9 lovely children** is enough. To me that's...

My gosh. What could it be?... I **can't** imagine... I'm just so...

Hey, there's **nothing** in here! ... You all got me **nothing**!

Well, we had a lot of **long discussions** on the matter and **that** was the **only thing** we could all agree on.

Besides, it's not the **gift** that **counts** dear, it's the **thought**.

And I'm sure **this** took a lot of **thought**.

It sure did, Dad. After all, **that's** a lot of **nothing**.

And so another day **ends** with me **having** had a **birthday** and the **two** of **us** now being married **seven months**. Are you **enjoying** it, **Dabby**? ... Is it what you **expected** when you married into a **big** family that's **kind** and **wonderful** to one another and **likes** to **stick** together.

Not really. But I'm getting used to it **Dumb**.

I'm getting used to it.

Good night, **Dummy**.

Good night, **Vapid**.

Good night, **Elizapet**.

Good night, **John-Boy**.

Meow!

Good night, **Dabby**.

TH'END



All right all you hip gals and with-it guys. Time now for us to get down and explore a business that's been ignored by us for too long. You guessed it Mama. This month

# CRACKED INTERVIEWS THE ROCK 'N' ROLL KING

GREETINGS! THIS IS NANNY DICKERING AND THE REASON I'M SHOUTING IS BECAUSE WE'RE AT PHILADELPHIA'S VETERANS MEMORIAL STADIUM ATTENDING A DREADFUL NOISE CONCERT, AND SEATED NEXT TO ME IS MR. BILL GRAHAMCRACKER, TRULY, AS YOU'LL SOON DISCOVER, AMERICA'S ROCK 'N' ROLL KING... AH, MR. GRAHAMCRACKER, OUT OF CURIOSITY, JUST HOW MUCH WERE THE SEATS WE'RE SITTING IN?

YOU'RE KIDDING! READERS, WE'RE IN THE 753rd ROW!!

AND THE ONLY REASON WE'RE THIS CLOSE IS BECAUSE I HAD SOME CONNECTIONS.

JUST WHAT KIND OF CONNECTIONS?

I'M RUNNING THE SHOW!

\$8.00.

THE NOSE HAIRS



WELL, IF **YOU'RE** SEATED BACK HERE, THEN **WHO** GETS THE **CHOICE** LOCATIONS UP FRONT?

TWENTY GO TO EACH OF THE ARTISTS. THEN THERE ARE THE **ARTISTS' LAWYERS, P.R. PEOPLE, AND AGENTS. THE RECORD COMPANY GETS 60, THE ARTISTS' DRY CLEANER GETS A DOZEN, THE...**

I GET THE PICTURE. THE **GOOD SEATS** GO TO FRIENDS—BUT WHAT ABOUT THE **FANS?**



OH, I WOULDN'T WORRY. MOST OF THEM ARE NEVER IN THEIR SEATS ANYWAY.

GINNY! GINNY! LOOK! I SEE THEM! I SEE THEM! WOW!!

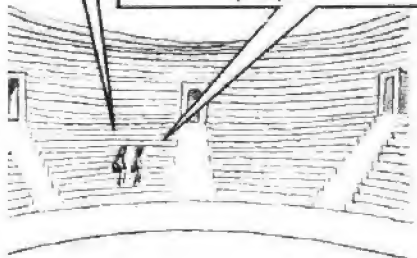


But what kind of **concert halls** are **football stadiums** and **arenas?**

Well, that was a **pretty** good afternoon. We grossed **\$2.5 million.**

And tonight you've booked the **NOSEHAIRS** along with **KISS** into the **Spectrum Arena.**

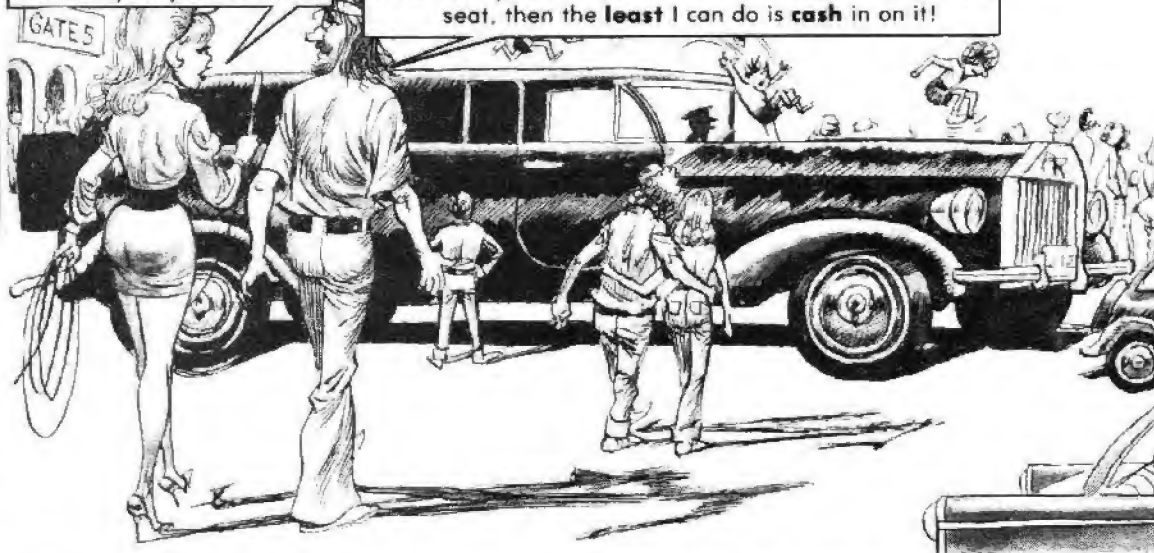
Yes. I wanted to give the kids an **intimate concert** for a change. Only **18,000** people.



Lousy. The sound **escapes**, the sight lines **stink** and the seats are really **uncomfortable.**

Then why do you do them?

Look Nanny, if the **kids** are **dumb enough** to pay **\$10** a seat, then the **least** I can do is **cash in** on it!



How do you go about **discovering** new talent?

I **look** everywhere. I leave **no stone** **untuned.** In fact, **that's** where I found **Ricky Rotten**—living under an **un-turned** stone.



And I found **PRISON GUARD AND THE CONVICTS** on a **chain gang** in **Idaho.**

Is **this** what they **looked** like back then?

No, that's what they **look** like today. They discovered that unless they're **chained** like that and **beaten**, their **soul sound** just doesn't make it.





Here we are.

You didn't tell me we were stopping off to visit royalty.

Nanny, quit joking. This is my **summer bungalow**. I'm having a **little barbeque out back** today... come on.

Mr. Grahamcracker, isn't that the lead singer of KISS?

Yeah. I invited him to this **barbeque** for **two reasons**. One was to **thank him** for the **concert** he's doing for me tonight.

And the other?

I needed someone to **start** the grill.

And over there—my gosh! It's **Dicky Deadbeat**, lead singer of the **Golders**.

Mr. Deadbeat... Nanny Dickerling of **CRACKED Magazine**. Could you tell me why...

I'm sorry, man, but if you wanna **lay a question** on **Dicky**, you gotta **submit it** to his **P.R. people** and then he'll be **glad** to answer you.

Sure.

It certainly is **hard** to talk to **Dicky Deadbeat**.

Well, you see Nanny, a lot of **rock stars** are **not** exactly the **most intelligent** people around and they sort of **need help** in **phrasing** the more **difficult** things they wanna say.

Hello. So... glad... to meet...

Meet.

Meet you.

Come on in here. This is where my right hand man works, **booking shows** for us—Mr. **Bull Hahn**.

WE REPRESENT  
IZZY TITCH  
AND THE  
SCRATCHERS

Hello,  
Mr. Hahn.

Sorry lady—  
no free  
tickets!

No, Mr. Hahn. I want to talk to you about **concerts**. Is it true that **artists** are getting more than **ever**?

Well, we're able to get our acts **top money** because they're playing **bigger and bigger** halls. For example, **THE DOPEY BROTHERS** are getting **\$26 million** for one concert tomorrow night.

**\$26 million?** Where are they playing?

**Rhode Island**.

No, I meant the name of the hall.

**Rhode Island!** They're gonna be on a **platform** in the **middle of the state** and we're selling tickets to seats on **building tops, smoke stacks, bridges**... you won't be able to get into the **state** tomorrow without a ticket.

R.I.

Besides **managing 27 acts** and **promoting 178 concerts** a year, you also own a **record company**?

Yeah—**Slipped Disks Incorporated**. That's the **other wing** of the **bungalow**.

SLIPPED DISKS INC.

What kind of **records** do you produce?

Round ones.

No, I meant the **type of music**.

Rock, of course.

But what about **classical**? Doesn't that bring **prestige** to a label?

RECORDING  
STUDIO

SMOOCH—  
THE HOTTEST  
GROUP SINCE  
KISS

**Prestige**, yes. **Bucks**, no—and if you can't **fold it** or put it into a **bank**, then I don't want it.

Mr. **Grahamcracker**, isn't that **Shaun Cassidy** over there?

Yeah, he's recording a **single** for us—**Love Theme From The Green Slime**.

He is popular. Just look at those **adoring fans** surrounding him.

My  
niece  
loves  
him!

Really... **here**. Give her one of **Shaun's eyelashes** as a **souvenir**.

My gosh, she'll go simply **crackers** over this. Why she'll... wait a second. Are **all** those **lashes** in that box **Shaun's**?

Actually, they're **camel hairs**. If **Shaun** gave a **lash** to **every girl** who wanted one, he'd have **nothing** to **bat** during his **concerts**.

Oh, those **aren't fans**. Those are **security guards**—so that his **adoring fans** don't surround him.

CASSIDY'S  
EYELASHES



Oops... 6:30. We gotta get over to **another** one of my **shows**...we'd better **take this**.

You **OWN** a helicopter!!!

Mr. **Grahamcracker**, here are the contracts for tonight's show.

I imagine you must have some **pretty detailed** ones with these **artists**.

Indeed. For example, it's **written in here** that the **NOSEDROPS** won't get **paid** their **12 million** for the night unless they do a **solid 8 minutes** on stage.

8 minutes?!

I know it's a lot, but they **are** **headliners**!

Doesn't **CRACKED** provide you with **air transportation** when you're on assignment?

Oh yeah. They give me **two pieces of fly paper**.

Do the **acts** demand anything of you in return.

Oh yeah. **HUNK** wanted a **pony ride** set up **backstage**, a **swimming pool** erected in **each** of their **17 dressing rooms** and **37 pizzas** to nibble on before the show.

And did you give in?

**Not on your life!** I only gave them **36 pizzas**. After all, this is a **business** and we **do** have to watch our **costs**.

Well, look Nanny. I gotta go. There's a **new act** in **Iran** I want to catch at **8:30** and my **SST** is waiting out back.

You **own** an **SST**?

Doesn't **CRACKED**?

No, but we do own a lot of **DDT**—and if you **ever** saw our offices you'd know **why**.

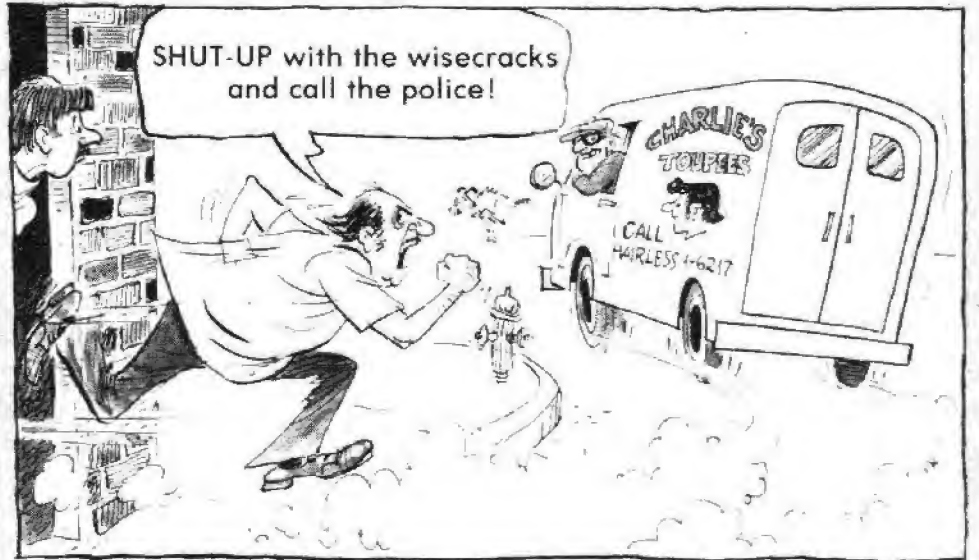
Wanna come along, Nanny?

No. We're just about **out of space**. And besides, I have **something else** I wanna do.

O.K., well, see you around.

And this is **Nanny Dickering** saying see you next month—unless, of course, I'm **booked** into the **Astrodome** by then... Now, let's see. I wonder what those **funny marks** on those **five lines** mean?

# SHUT-UPS





**DON'T LET THEM STARVE!**

**GIVE US  
A HAND!**



\* or an arm or a leg!

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